God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. . . . This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. . . . Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Romans 6:23, I Timothy 1:15, Isaiah 1:18).

This folder is God's propaganda. It contains the Words and promises of God. You have received it because God is interested in your soul's salvation and has used one of His servants to give you this message. As you consider the quotations above, and as you realize that your sin has separated between you and your God, and as you see that the Son of God was judged for your sins, will you not believe?

"The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the Word of faith, which we preach: that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from he dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:8, 9).

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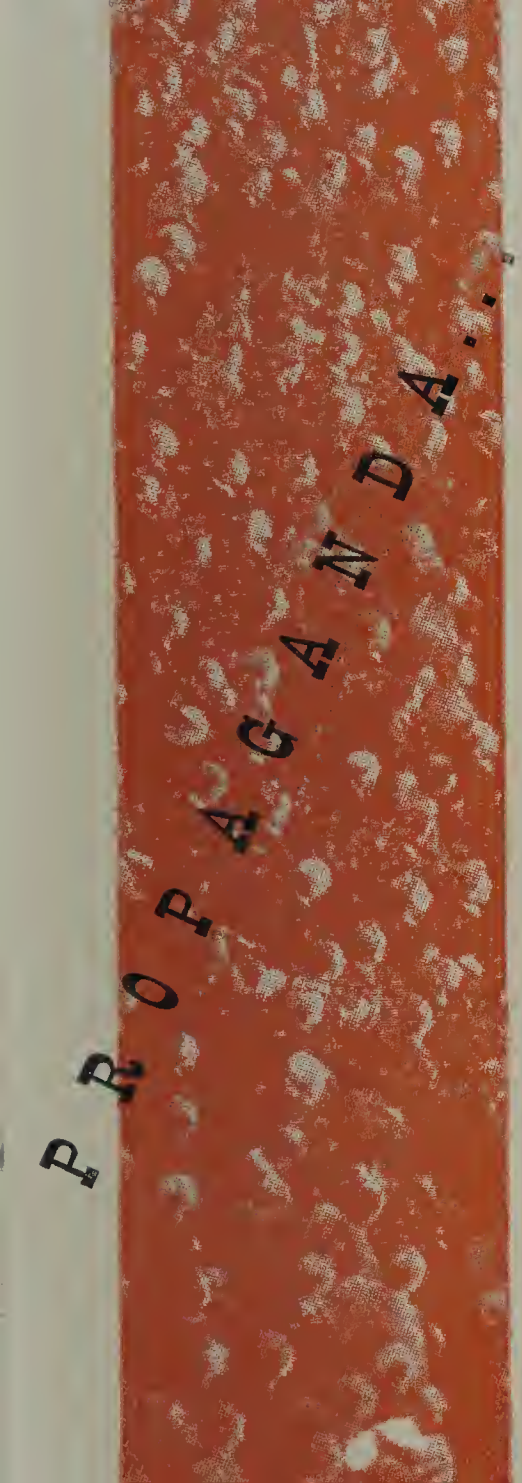

SHORTLY after the United States officially entered World War II printed leaflets were given the R.A.F., by our government, to drop over France. This was propaganda, of the right kind.

Although Webster defines propaganda as "any methods for the propogation of doctrines, principles, etc., religious or secular," the word has suffered a bad name because of the subtle propoganda used to defeat whole nations. Every government knows that propaganda plays an increasingly important part in war.

After the last war the London *Times* printed the following sentence from a letter written by a high German officer: "What caused the most damage was the 'paper' war waged by our enemies, who daily flooded us with some hundred thousand leaflets, well arranged and well edited—Reuter."

Quoting from the *Times* of June 16, 1921, "Propaganda was one of the greatest forces of the world, and Napoleon was a master of it. But there was no comparison between its force in Napoleon's day and that of the present day. They had it on authority of the ex-Kaiser that Lord Northcliffe had done more by his propaganda to win the war than any other force. . ."

Long before Hitler's time, or Northcliffe's time, or Napoleon's time, however, God has been propagating the greatest story ever to fall upon human ears. Sometimes it falls upon ears that are indifferent or careless. Sometimes it is ridiculed. Many times it is denied. But that does not change this grand message. Millions have read it, believed it, received it, and have been eternally saved.

This greatest of all messages has been told in a hundredfold ways. God is love, and He is anxious that His creatures should know of His great provision for them. These are some of the invitations He is extending to you: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of

THE *Living* CHRIST

A TIMELY MESSAGE
FOR EVERYONE . . .

The LIVING Christ

THERE ARE MANY today who are occupied with a dead Christ. One who visits the cathedrals of the old world and gazes on the multiplied crosses and crucifixes cannot help but realize this fact.

It was this that prompted the writing of the following lines:

Dark is the building, and heavy the air,
Bent are the shoulders of all,
Bowed in the darkness, and ready to sigh—
Crosses, some short, and some tall.

O Christ, art Thou holden by death in the tomb?
Is there no joy for our song?
Chanting monotonous in tongue unknown,
Tiring the worship and long.

Have men forgotten the tomb and the morn,
While praising for Calvary's tree?
Ah, Thy glory shines forth in the triumph achieved
Over Death in Thy great victory!

Empty the cross, of its victim and shame,
Thou art not molded in lead.
We worship in gladness a Christ who now lives—
Thou didst arise from the dead!

Yes, Christ is risen from the grave. He is the living Christ. His earthly beginning had been insignificant. Born of an unknown woman in an ordinary village, in an ignored province of a despised land, there was thrust upon Him all the limitations of poverty and ack of opportunity. As other men He had been care encumbered, lonely, and hungry. But more than other men, He had been despised and forsaken; falsely accused, arrested, scourged, crucified. Yet here He stands—wonderful in His birth—wonderful in His life—wonderful in His words —wonderful in His deeds. He died a wonderful death and came to a wonderful crisis in His triumphant resurrection. Here He stands —conqueror of sin, and death, and the grave.

A few years ago it was my privilege to visit the Holy Land at the Easter season. On Good Friday we joined the great crowd in the

Church of Nativity at Bethlehem. In front of the altar, and then carried in procession, was a lifesize wax figure of the dead Christ. Realistic it was with a pale face, and the red blood marks on the brow and side, and in the hands and feet. Mothers held little children up to kiss the Christ. It is a lie—a base, terrible lie! He is not dead! The cross and the tomb are past. He is alive for evermore. Hebrews 7:25.

—*Will H. Houghton*

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WHICH CHURCH Saves?

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"Must we become Protestants?"

"Not at all. I wouldn't waste my time trying to convert you to Protestantism in order to be saved."

"But you do not believe that either the Roman or the Greek Catholic Church can save, do you?"

"Certainly not."

"Well, then, I am a Roman Catholic and my friend here is a member of the Greek Orthodox Church, neither of which you say can save."

"Well?"

"And you, you are a Protestant. Do you not want us also to turn Protestant?"

"I do not. I have never asked any Catholic, Greek or Roman, to turn Protestant?"

"You haven't. I don't understand. Do you not believe that Protestantism can save?"

"No, I do not."

"You don't! I am amazed. What then?"

"Protestantism has no more power to save than has Catholicism, my friends."

"What then? How can a man be saved? There are only three great Christian Churches, are there not?"

"No Church can save, but—Jesus Christ can."

"JESUS!"

"Yes, my friends, you are saved, not by the Church, either Catholic or Protestant, but through a Person, and that Person the Lord Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son."

"Can it be possible? And to think we never heard this before?"

"So you see it would do you no good to become Protestants, for there are thousands of Protestants who are not saved, thousands who have embraced Christianity who have never accepted the Christ of Christianity."

"Is this why we have not found peace? Is there no peace in Catholicism?"

"No, friend and none in Protestantism either. Peace is found only in Jesus. Religion cannot save; Christ can."

"But are you sure of this, Sir?"

"Let's read what God's Word says. 'Neither is there salvation in any other' [Protestant or Catholic], 'for there is none other name [Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic, or Protestant] under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved' " (Acts 4:12).

"God, have mercy!"

" 'Thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He [not the Catholic priest nor the Protestant minister, but He—Jesus Christ] shall save His people from their sins' " (Matthew 1:21).

"What, then, must we do?"

" 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,' for 'as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God' " (Acts 16:31 and John 1:12).

"And will He receive us?"

" 'Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out,' " (John 6:37). "He loves you, Yea, He died for you. Your sins He bore as He hung on Calvary. Then come, accept Him, trust His

atoning death. Take Him now as your Saviour, for He will have mercy and 'abundantly pardon.'"

"Oh, Sir, that we will right gladly. We thought we were saved because we were good Catholics. But you have opened our eyes, and we know that Jesus is the only Saviour, and the only one who can forgive sins."

"And you accept Him as your Saviour?"

"We do! Yes, we do! Oh, thank God! Thank God!"

"To him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. . . . Unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works. . . . By grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourself, it is the gift of God" (Romans 4:5, 6; Ephesians 2:8, 9).

—Oswald J. Smith

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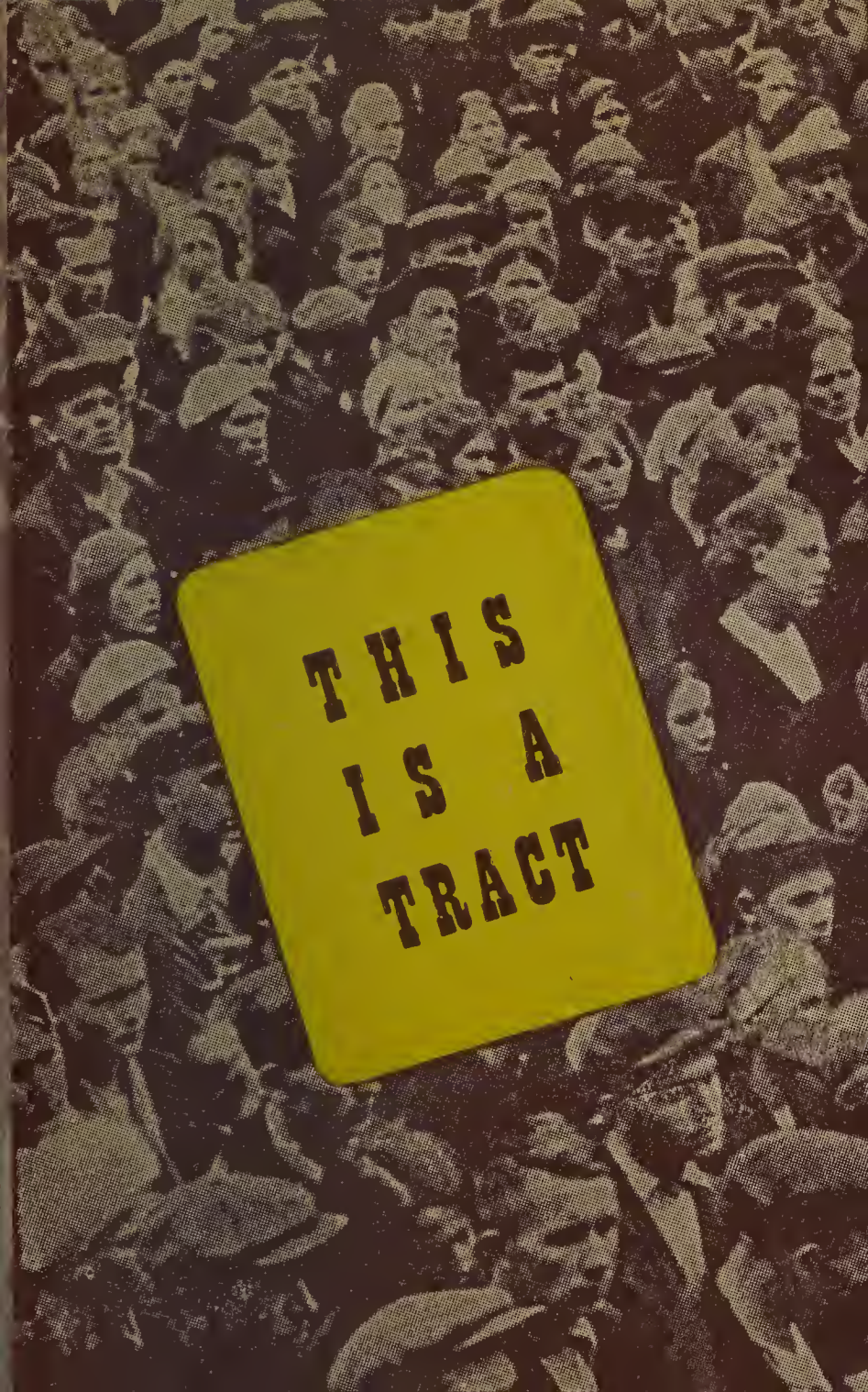
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THIS IS A *Tract*..

ALMOST since the invention of printing 500 years ago small booklets, leaflets, and folders, such as this, have been quietly and consistently circulated. These are tracts.

Tracts have brought new life and hope to multitudes. Many, burdened by sin and the cares of this life, have been transformed by believing their message. They have brought to men of all classes necessary and vital facts concerning this life and the life to come.

A Christian one day gave a poor Negro a tract, and, seeing him a few days later, asked what he thought of it. "Oh, massa," said he, "it do me soul good. I never know before why dey call 'em tracks, but when I read dat little book it track me dis way, and it track me dat way, it track me all day, and it track me all night. When I go out in de barn, it track me dare; when I go out in de woods, it track me dare; when I come in de

house, it track me dare, it track me eberywhere I go. Den I know why dey call 'em tracks."

Tracts derive their material from the highest authority of the universe—God, the Creator. Believing the Words of God contained in this tract will save you from the condemnation and penalty of sin and eternal woe. Here is God's Word: "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation (sacrifice) for our sins. . . Be it known, therefore . . . that through this Man (Christ Jesus) is preached unto you the forgiveness of sin: and by Him all that believe are justified from all things . . ." (I John 4:10, Acts 13:38, 39).

His Word also gives counsel, guidance and assurance for the present: "In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins . . . who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son. As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him. . . Acknowledge Him in all thy ways, and He shall direct thy paths" (Colossians 1:13-14, 2:6, Proverbs 3:6).

And the testimony of the Word of God concerning life to come for the believer in Christ is this: "In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you . . .

I will come again and receive you unto Myself" (John 14:2-3).

Today thousands of others will receive just such messages as contained in this tract. Those who accept the Word of God and believe and trust their all to the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour receive life everlasting. Have you believed?

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MUST WE LEARN THE *Hard* WAY?

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FROM BOURNEMOUTH, ENGLAND, CAME THIS MESSAGE:

We have been a pleasure-loving people, dishonoring God's day, picnicking and bathing. NOW the seashores are barred: no picnics, no bathing.

We have preferred motor travel to church-going. NOW there is a shortage of tires and motor fuel.

We have ignored the ringing of church bells calling us to worship. NOW the bells can not ring except to warn of invasion.

We have left the churches half empty when they should have been filled with worshipers. NOW they are in ruins.

We have not listened to the ways of peace. NOW we are forced to listen to the ways of war.

The money we would not give the Lord's work NOW is taken from us in taxes and higher prices.

The food for which we forgot to return thanks NOW is unobtainable.

The service we refused to give to God NOW is conscripted for the country.

Lives we refused to live under God's control NOW are under the nation's control.

Nights we would not spend "watching unto prayer" NOW are spent in anxious air-raid precautions.

The evils of Modernism we would not fight. NOW see what Germany, the seat of this teaching, has produced.

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These things are now happening in America. We are as guilty as England.

GOD'S REMEDY . . .

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. . . . Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. . . . If the Son (of God) therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. . . . For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. . . .Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. . . ." (*Proverbs* 14:34, *Isaiah* 1:18, *John* 8:36, 3:18, *Acts* 16:31).

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The Truth About BEING SAVED

FACTS OF LIFE YOU SHOULD KNOW!

Let us begin by understanding each other. When we speak about being saved we are not talking about religion.

Many people suppose that salvation and religion are the same thing, but this is a mistake. Salvation and religion are by no means identical. You may have a great deal of religion without having a bit of salvation.

Religion, by itself, is death. Salvation is life.

How Salvation is Obtained

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ tells us how salvation is obtained in His words to Nicodemus: "Ye must be born again."

There is no other way.

No one gets salvation by "getting religion." Nor by "joining the church." Nor by "turning over a new leaf and trying to serve God." Nor by praying. Nor by confessing his sins (The promise of I John 1:9 is for those already saved.) Nor by sorrow for sin. Nor by asking God to forgive his sins. By none of these means is salvation obtained.

Salvation is obtained through a definite receiving of the Lord Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour. The instant this is really done salvation is an accomplished fact. This is shown by John 1:11, 12:

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as *received Him*, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them which *believe on His name*."

The next verse goes on to tell what happened to those who "received Him," that is, those who "be-

lieve on His name." They were at once born . . . *of God.*"

Just so it is today. As many as receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour, giving up all else and cleaving only to Him for salvation, are instantly and forever saved. His own declaration of John 5:24 stands good through all time:—

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, *hath everlasting life* and *shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.*"

Salvation is in Three Tenses

There is the past tense. When a man takes the Lord Jesus Christ as his own Saviour, he may at once and ever after truly say, "I am saved!" Putting the matter in the past tense as to time, he may truly say, "Then and there I was saved!" This work is instantaneous; it was salvation from the penalty of sin.

There is the present tense. When a man is born again the Holy Spirit begins to work in him, both to will and do of God's good pleasure, and to conform him to the image of Christ. This work in progressive; it is salvation from the power of sin.

There is the future tense. When the Lord Jesus comes again it will be "apart from sin, unto salvation" (Heb. 9:28). It is then that we who are now the sons of God will be instantly changed into the image of Christ: "we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (I John 3:2). This work is instantaneous: it is salvation from the presence of sin.

This is the way. Walk ye in it.

—Dr. William L. Pettingill

My Decision

Believing that the Lord Jesus Christ died for me, and that God raised Him from the dead: I NOW receive Him as my personal Saviour and Lord. I WILL trust Him at all times and with His help confess Him before others.

I hereby record my acceptance of Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour by writing my name (instead of "whosoever") in John 3:16.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that

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[who] believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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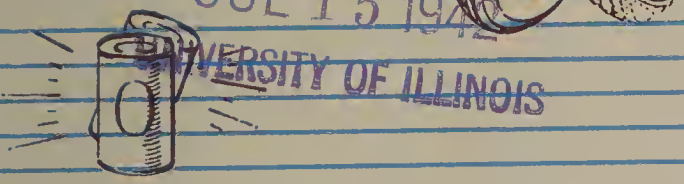
Speaking of SUBSTITUTES



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This IS A WONDER STORY!

American ingenuity is playing an important part in providing usable substitutes in this great war. As we look forward to post-war days, it is believed that civilization will have greatly advanced because of far-reaching results obtained through the use of substitutes developed because of shortages of vital materials.

Synthetic rubber, which may keep our nation on wheels; plastics, which may replace various metals formerly used; airplane travel, which may change the riding habits of the nation after the war—are only a few of the substitutes to which we may become accustomed.

Speaking of substitutes, we want to tell you a wonder story of a Substitute upon which the whole structure of human life both here and hereafter depends. This Substitute has brought peace and joy and untold blessings to millions in every generation.

This is the story. Our first parents were created in innocency and placed in a garden unsurpassed in beauty. Surrounded by all that was lovely, they were, however, deceived by Satan when he questioned the character of their loving God. They obeyed the voice of the deceiver, and sin entered the world.

Think not lightly of this fact. Adam became a different being, with a sinful nature, to be

passed on to all his posterity. That is why the Word of God says "There is none righteous . . . for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:10, 23).

But God was not unmindful of the helpless estate of His creation. To Adam and Eve He promised a deliverer who would deal with the sin question and make a way of escape. Sin must be put away before there could be acceptance with God. Because man was utterly helpless to approach God, the plan of reconciliation must come from God alone.

And here we have the wonder story of all ages—a story so sweet and tender, yet so dynamic and meaningful that no heart should fail to be touched. Because "the wages of sin is death"—and all have surely earned those wages—God sent His beloved Son into the world, not only to live but to die in the place of the sinner.

Oh, friend, do you know that "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities . . . and with His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5)? God's Son became the great Substitute for the sinner: "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree . . . for Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God" (I Peter 2:24, 3:18). Christ's blood was shed, and His blood alone is the one remedy in the universe for the putting away of sin.

Now to enter into all the benefits that the death of this Substitute provides. "Be it

known unto you . . . that through this Man is . . . the forgiveness of sins; and by Him all that believe are justified from all things" (Acts 13:38, 39). Will you recognize now your sinnership in the sight of God, and take the lost sinner's Saviour as your Saviour? If you do, you will be saved, you will be God's child, and you will be justified from all sin in God's sight because of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ! Is not this truly a wonder story? What will YOU do with Jesus?

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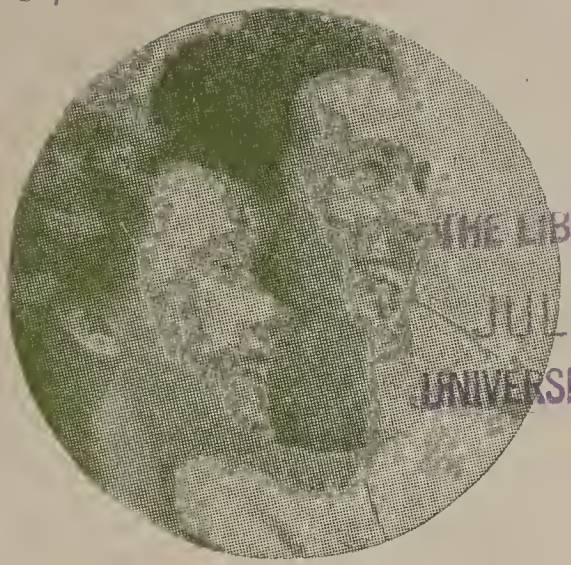

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CAN YOU SAY

Can you say that your sins are washed away by the blood of Christ?

You will hardly deny that the pages of your life's record have been blotted by many a stain of guilt. Nothing but the Saviour's atoning blood can wash these away. Has it accomplished this for you? "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

Can you say that you are saved?

In spite of all the doubts that have been cast upon the possibility of knowing salvation as a present reality, one thing is clear, and that is that if a man does not get saved in this life, he never will in the next. Questions of this kind must be settled on earth, "What must I do to be saved? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:30, 31).

Can you say that you know Christ?

I do not mean by this, do you know *about* Him. I mean, have you tasted His matchless love? Can you say that He is your own Saviour in that He has saved you from the penalty which your sins so richly deserved? Jesus said, "I am the door: by Me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved" (John 10:9).

Can you say that it will give you joy to see His face?

To see His face will be a terrible thing for those who do not know Him. But *every* eye shall see Him, yours among the number. When it takes place, will *your* eye look upon the face of a Saviour or the face of a Judge?

Can you say that, if the Lord were to come today, you would be ready?

He is coming . . . quickly. No one knows when. When He comes there will be a great separation. Those who have been made ready by trusting in Him and in His precious blood will be caught up to be with Him forever. Those who have despised His grace and slighted His warnings will be left behind, their last chance gone. In which company will you be?

—*Harold P. Barker*

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The Disaster that Japan FORGOT

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disaster, said the "Literary Digest" in the September 15, 1923, issue, which parallels the earthquake and fire that visited Japan the first day of this month and laid waste the capital city, and the chief seaport.

The New York "Tribune" called this earthquake undoubtedly the greatest disaster in recorded time. The New York "Times," in a dispatch from Osaka, described the havoc as covering about 45,000 square miles which contained five big cities and a population of about 7,000,000. Other dispatches reported that virtually every building in Yokohama was destroyed. Perhaps three-fourths of Tokyo was burned and the entire city with its 5,000,000 inhabitants was shattered by the earthquake.

A joint survey made by Secretary Hoover and the Red Cross estimated the dead at between 200,000 and 300,000, with 2,500,000 people homeless.

Disease and despair rode throughout the island empire. Then help came. Help from America for helpless Japan. Food, clothing, medical supplies, and volunteer workers came by the ship load to help rebuild a potential world power.

The American Red Cross collected ten million dollars from the people of the United States for the suffering and homeless Nipponese. Those who lived through the awful earth tremors, the gigantic waves, and the

tongues of fire must perish, it seemed, from starvation or disease.

But they didn't because America remembered —remembered their need, and their suffering, and their hunger.

The Nipponese were grateful. They even put their appreciation in writing. Walter Kierman, correspondent for International News Service, recalls their words: "Japan will never forget!"

But Japan did forget! American ships of mercy were forgotten and the Rising Sun sent planes of destruction in return.

Yes, Japan forgot what she said she would never forget. For, on December 7, 1941, Japanese airplanes brought death and destruction to Pearl Harbor. And the Rising Sun has proclaimed that America shall be brought to her knees begging for mercy.

But are the Japanese the only ones who overlook past mercies? Long ago the Lord said of Israel: "My people have forgotten Me days without number" (Jeremiah 2:32). Despite all of God's goodness to Israel, they were guilty of forgetting Him. He blessed them, but they forgot Him!

Are we guilty of forgetting Him? Just what is our attitude toward the God who "so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16)?

The Son of God may be forgotten and the gift of God may be rejected but only at the awful penalty of losing one's soul. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole

world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul" (Mark 8:36, 37).

God sent His Son to the cross of Calvary to die for the sins of the world. To reject God's mercy can only mean judgment. "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:17, 18).

—*J. Ellwood Evans*

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HAVE YOU

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DEFENSE STAMPS?

The Stamps . . .

Numbers 1 to 11 are yours immediately if you heed Number 12, obey Numbers 13 and 14, and answer Number 15 in the affirmative. . . .

1. AN INVITATION

Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

—Matthew 11:28

2. A WELCOME

Him that cometh to Me [the Lord Jesus Christ] I will in no wise cast out. —John 6:37

3. A GIFT

I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

—John 10:28

4. JUSTIFICATION

By Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

—Acts 13:39

5. A PERSONAL WORD

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life.

—I John 5:13

6. REST

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way.

—Psalm 37:7

7. COMFORT

And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.
—Psalms 50:15

8. FREEDOM FROM SIN

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. —Isaiah 1:18

9. LOVE

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us. —I John 3:16

10. FORGIVENESS

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
—I John 1:9

11. ETERNAL LIFE

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. —Romans 6:23

12. REMEMBER

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. —John 3:3

13. REPENT

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. —Luke 13:3

14. BELIEVE IN CHRIST

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. —Rom. 10:9

OVER

15. DECISION BLANK

After carefully reading the foregoing passages from God's Word I admit I am lost and in need of a saviour and I NOW accept the Lord Jesus Christ as my PERSONAL SAVIOUR.

Signed_____

Address_____

Date of Decision_____

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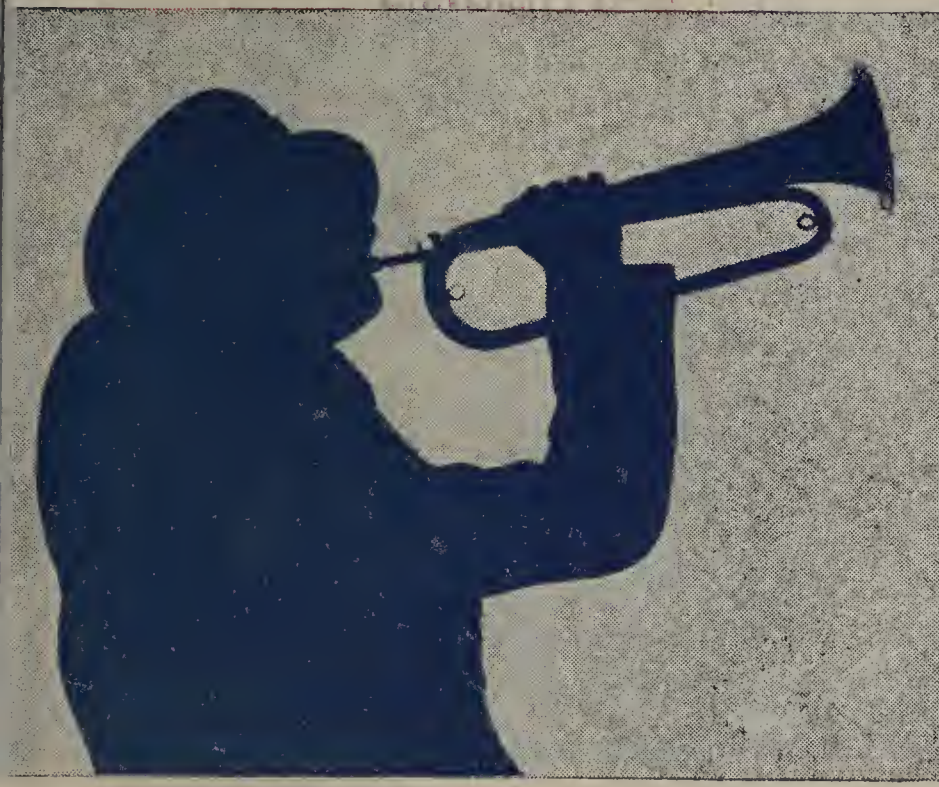
Brave Men



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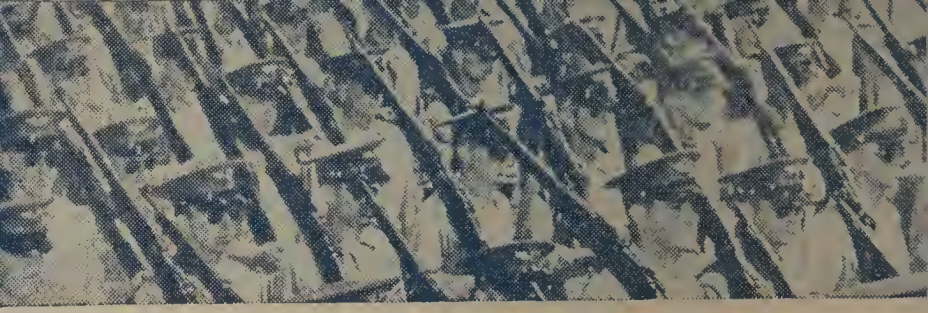

Brave Men Ought to Live...

Virtuously FOR FAMILY

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." • "Honor thy father and mother." • "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Matt. 5:8, Exodus 20:12, Luke 6:31).

Righteously FOR GOD

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

Obediently FOR ETERNITY

"*Believe* on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." • *Accept Him:* "As many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." • *Confess Him:* "With the heart man believeth . . . with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Acts 16:31, John 1:12, Romans 10:10).

Courageously FOR NATION

"Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord." • "For the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Psalm 31:24, Joshua 1:9).

Visionary FOR THE WORLD

"For God so loved the *world* that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." • "Go ye into all the *world* and preach the gospel to every creature" (John 3:16, Mark 16:15).

Victoriously FOR CHRIST

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." • *Follow Him:* "If any man will come after Me let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me." • *Live for Him:* "Thanks be unto God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 8:37, Matt. 16:24, I Corinthians 15:57).

The writer has two sons. Both are now in the service. My prayer is that all such brave men may live eternally, and in the ways

indicated herein. Anyone who has never accepted Christ as his Saviour is lovingly urged to do so, and may acknowledge this all-important decision by signing the following:

"I hereby accept and acknowledge Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord, and will seek to follow Him."

Signed_____

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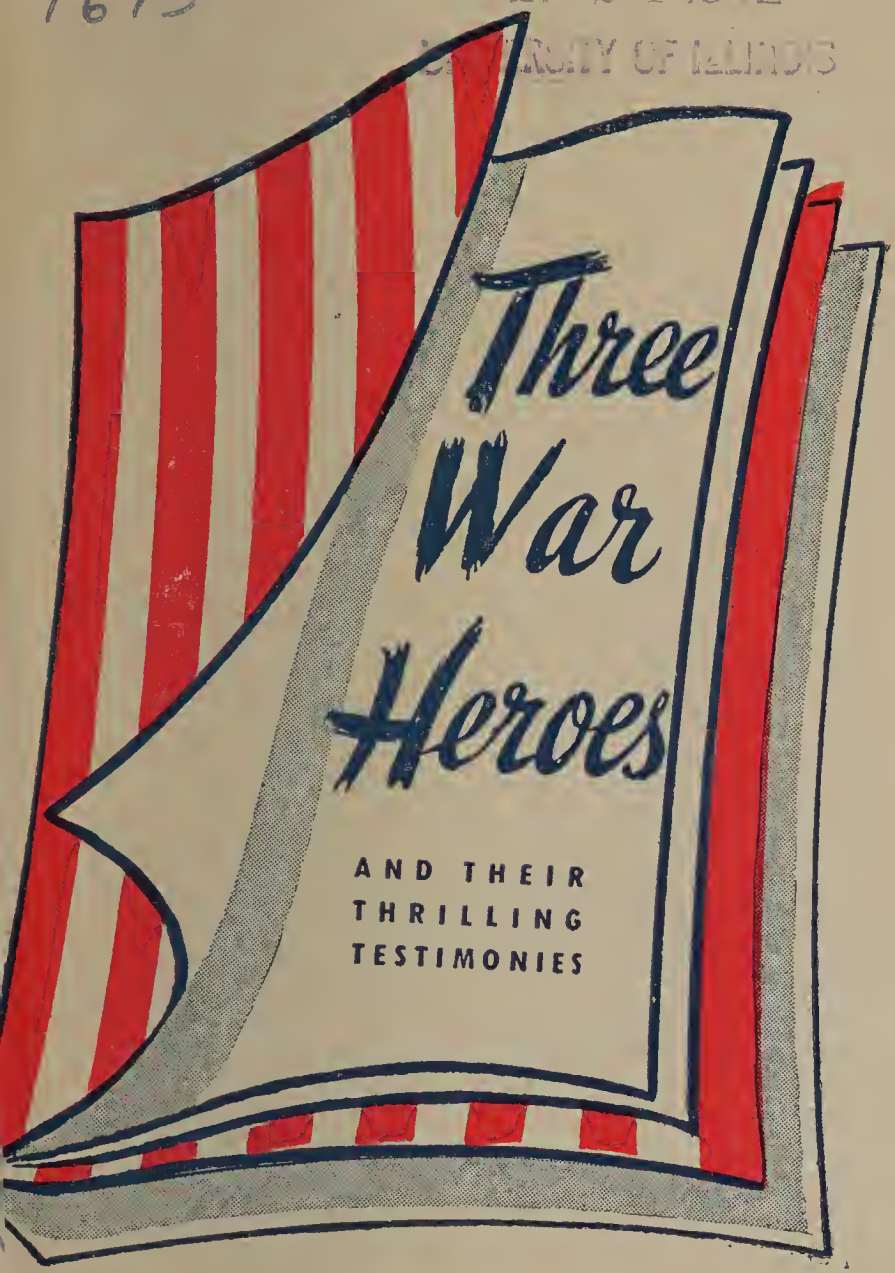

Malta's Defender . . .

LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR WILLIAM DOBBIE
Successful defender of Malta, "most bombed spot on earth." Governor-General of the English island, which has had more than 2000 air raids. General Dobbie recently retired.

"I cannot attempt to describe what I owe to the Lord Jesus Christ, nor what He has meant to me throughout my army career (and longer). The knowledge that it is to Him that I owe my eternal salvation has given me a peace which nothing has been able to disturb, while the companionship and help which He has consistently been ready to give me have been very real and very wonderful.

"I would like to bear witness that I could not contemplate life and its innumerable problems without Him. . . . I do most humbly but earnestly commend Him as Saviour and Lord."

Wake Island Hero...

2ND LIEUTENANT DAVID DONALD KLIEWER
Marine Air Corps, Wake Island. Kliewer was credited by the Navy with sinking a Japanese submarine in the heroic defense of Wake Island on Dec. 12, 1941. The following was received in a letter to his family.

"God surely has been good to me. I am still alive and in good health, but much more than that I am not allowed to say.

"Please don't worry about me; all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

I am sure in my heart that God is going to bring me through all this. In any case, may His will be done.

"I know you folks are praying for me, and I feel God's protection around me every hour."

Captain Colin Kelly...

CAPTAIN COLIN P. KELLY, II

By dropping a bomb down the smokestack of the Japanese battleship Haruna, Captain Kelly became one of the first American heroes of World War II. General MacArthur bestowed the D. S. C. posthumously upon Captain Kelly.

Having departed from this life, Captain Kelly will never see the Distinguished Service Cross he was awarded. But he is going to receive a crown which he shall see and wear forever, because while on earth he had seen another cross —a cross of infinitely more value. It was the Cross of Christ. He had seen not only the Cross, but the Christ upon it. He had met Him as his Saviour and longed to meet Him again.

When Captain Kelly went into the air service in Hawaii, he said that he knew it was dangerous, but he was "ready to go; ready to meet my Saviour." Captain Elmer E. Tiedt of Hickam Field, Hono-

lulu, said: "He was a good soldier of his country . . . but he was also a loyal soldier of Jesus Christ. His faith was deep and abiding."

Their Experience . . .

These war heroes had a living faith in a living Saviour who said: "Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die" (John 11:26). With the smoke of battle on every hand, they had within the peace and assurance that only the Word of God and the Son of God can give. Here is the test of life. In what or in whom is your trust placed for eternity?

The present and eternal salvation these men of faith had may be yours, for "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." "If any man be in Christ, He is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17). What is Jesus Christ to you?

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A SAFE PLACE

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IN the event of an air raid, authorities tell us to keep cool . . . get under shelter . . . turn out all lights and stay away from windows. They inform us, furthermore, that the safest place in a home is UNDER A TABLE. Here falling debris is not so likely to hit us. We are thankful to our government for these instruc-

A Safe Place in an AIR RAID

tions and, in the hour of danger, follow them in their every detail.

But no government on earth can promise, much less guarantee, absolute safety anywhere at any time either in an air raid or out of one.

The greatest raid from the air the world will ever have known has yet to take place. It will come from the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords. We read about it in God's Word (the Bible) II Thessalonians, chapter 1, verses 7 and 8:

The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire taking

vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And it *will* happen *here*!

Notice the words KNOW NOT GOD and OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL. Not to know God and not to obey the Gospel are crimes so great that those guilty of them are to be punished by flaming fire dropped from Heaven in the greatest air raid of all human history.

Reader, do YOU know God? . . Have *YOU* obeyed the Gospel? "God now commandeth *ALL MEN* everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). Have YOU repented?

"*Believe* on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31). Have YOU believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour?

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). Have YOU ever confessed Jesus as your Lord?

"Whosoever shall *call* on the *name* of *the Lord* shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Have you ever called on the Lord for salvation?

If to the foregoing questions you must answer "No," will you right now turn to God in re-

pentance, put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ who shed His precious blood on the cross of Calvary for the sins of this lost world, ask God to save you and confess Christ before men as your Lord?

If you will, you will be saved for all eternity and will have the guarantee, from God Himself that you will *NEVER* be in God's Great Air Raid.

By Frederick Cowell

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God Offers You

THE BEST THINGS

What God Offers You . . .

Forgiveness of Sins

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins will I remember no more (Hebrews 8:12).

Peace and Rest

Come unto Me, all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28).

Security

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out (John 6:37).

Freedom from Worry

I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears (Psalms 34:4).

Supply of All Needs

But my God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

Guidance

I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye (Psalms 32:8).

Eternal Life

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give unto them Eternal Life: and they shall never perish. (John 10:26-27).

Heaven

In my Father's house are many mansions. . . . I go to prepare a place for you. . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself (John 14:1-2-3).

How Procured . . .

Hearing the Gospel

Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation: but is passed from death unto life (John 5:24).

Convicted of Sin

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).

Trusting in Christ

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name (John 1:12).

Confessing Christ

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved (Romans 10:9).

Forsaking Sin

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon (Isaiah 55:7).

Obeying God's Word

And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him (Hebrews 5:9).

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I DIE AT DAWN

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This sincere and moving document was written by a 22-year-old Dutch lad just before he and his three companions were shot to death by a German firing squad. Their crime: escaping from Holland in an attempt to join Dutch forces in Britain.

I Die at Dawn...

Dear Father: It is difficult for me to write this letter to you but I have to tell you that the military court has pronounced a very heavy sentence upon us. Read this letter alone, and then tell Mother carefully.

When I wrote you before on the 14th of February, we already knew that we had been condemned to death. An appeal for mercy, sent in our behalf to Paris, was denied, although we thought we stood a good chance because our case was not, after all, a crime.

In a little while at five o'clock it is going to happen and that is not so terrible. I do not *fear*. I have the firm conviction that I may look forward to a death in Christ. It is, after all, only one moment, and then I shall be with God—no more terrible miseries and the sadness of this earth. Is that such a dreadful transition?

On the contrary, it is beautiful to be in God's strength. God has told us that He will not forsake His own. I feel so strongly my nearness to God I am fully prepared to die. I hope that will be a consolation to you.

I know quite well that it is horrible. We are still so young. But God knows that our cause

was a just one. I think it is much worse for you than for me because I know that I have confessed all my sins to Him and have become very quiet. Therefore do not mourn, but trust in God and pray for strength.

Mother, dear Mother, let me embrace you. Forgive me any wrong I may have done. Do not cry, darling. Be courageous. You still have children left. I know I will see you all again. One last tender kiss from your son Kees.

Father, forgive me too. Be strong in your belief which I know you have like Mother. Do not mourn, but thank God that we may have the certainty of His grace.

Jan, Bep, El and Fien—greetings to you all. Be strong and pray to God for fortitude. Believe in Him and He will make everything come right. Be good to Father and Mother.

Greet everybody, for the four of us. My sincere thanks for all they ever did for me.

We are courageous. Be the same. They can only take our bodies. Our souls are in God's hands.

I am going—until we meet again in a reunion which will be so much happier. May God bless you all. Have no hate. I die without hatred. God rules everything. Kees X.

* * *

Only a living hope in a Living Christ can overcome and give full assurance in the face

of death. Millions of men, women, and children in all parts of the world today are trusting Kees' Saviour, whom to know is life eternal. "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. . . . For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already . . ." (Romans 5:8, John 3:17, 18). Will it be that through the testimony of Kees and the Word of God, you will believe and be saved, and pass from death unto life?

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Jesus is longing to make a real vital friendship with you, too. Will you not humbly accept His forgiveness now? "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Yours,
Jim Roberts,
Romans 14:8

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AN R.A.F. CADET'S LETTER

to His Buddies

Falcon Field
Mesa, Arizona

Dear Friend: We have been reminded lately that all of us must leave this world some day—perhaps sooner than we would like. What then? is a vital question for us. Have we anything to fear in death? Of course not, we say irritably, and try to forget the question. But is this answer correct? For those who love the Lord Jesus Christ it is certainly so, for He said: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand" (John 10:27-28).

For one who has been born again into the family of God by faith in "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son (which) cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7), death is in reality the door leading into the many mansions where He has prepared a place for us. But to those who do not love the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, God says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

At this judgment they will receive the full penalty for their misdeeds, which is death in its fulness—eternal separation from God—for the Judge says "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). If you are such a one, take heed, won't you? Remember the greatest sin is unbelief—"He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

This is unpleasant news, but listen to something else God says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). In other words, trust your life into His keeping and you will have forgiveness for those wrongs which are keeping you from God, and you will have a new force to live the abundant, healthy life of a man at peace with his Creator.

I hope you have not minded my writing to you like this, but I know it is true, for by His grace I have experienced it myself, like many others all down the ages.

NOTE: I sent this letter to all the boys in my camp as so many were longing for a sure Foundation in which they could trust. I have since had many requests from elsewhere for copies, so am publishing it in this form.

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ARE YOU *Passing* THE LORD AND *Praising* THE AMMUNITION

Are You Passing the Lord?

AND PRAISING THE AMMUNITION

WITH PHRASING adapted from a reputed actual happening at the Pearl Harbor attack, "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition," current hit song, has brought "the Lord's" name to the lips of millions.

But how strange it is that many of those who take this sacred name on their lips know nothing of His wondrous person and work. Indeed, they are "PASSING the Lord, and PRAISING the ammunition." For does not America boast of its productive capacity, and that our planes, tanks, and ammunition will eventually blow the enemy right out of the war? And how often do we actually seek the Lord and look to Him for help?

Who is "the Lord"? God's Word says, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son,

whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high" (Hebrews 1:1-3).

In this remarkable declaration we see that the Lord is the eternal Son of God. He is the Creator. He is the one who purges sins. He is living now in Heaven.

To know this One is the grandest experience in life. He alone has the key to the past, present, and future, and a life entrusted to the Son of God is a life of fruitfulness and victory.

But why is it that so few really know the Lord? Here is the secret. Sin—the overstepping of God's mark, the disobedience of God's laws. Oh, if only men could see the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and God's awful punishment for it, they would hasten to bow at the Saviour's feet. And "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Friend, your sin has separated between you and your God, and unless you repent and turn to Christ who died "to take away the sin of the world," you will eternally perish.

The news God has for the sinner is all good news. "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly . . . God commended His love toward us, in that,

while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:6-8). And "be it known unto you . . . that through this Man (Christ Jesus the Lord) is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins" (Acts 13:38). And "if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

When there has been "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" in your own heart and soul, then you can truly "praise the Lord." What do you think of Christ the Lord? Is He your Saviour, or will He be your Judge?

—*Clyde H. Dennis*

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Captain Rickenbacker's Thrilling Rescue

CAPTAIN RICKENBACKER'S *Thrilling Rescue*

After 23 days of facing death, this famous flying ace and six fellow-survivors were rescued by Navy flyers about 600 miles north of Samoa.

Coming ashore at the South Pacific base, Rickenbacker turned to Private Bartek with a grim smile: "Better thank God for your Testament, son. You see now what faith can do for you." Later, hands bandaged, eyes swollen, he told of his own faith during the long vigil afloat: "I am not formally a religious man, but . . . I can truthfully say I never doubted for one moment that we'd be saved. . . . I hold to the Golden Rule, and I believe most firmly that if a man follows what he truly knows and feels in his heart he can't go wrong, and is possessed of religion enough to get by in any man's land."

He also said, "I know I came within hearing distance of the Old Fellow this trip, because His approach is always unmistakable. One hears beautiful soft music, and everything is extremely pleasant—just as Heaven should be." And when someone asked him why he thought he was going to Heaven, his cheery response was characteristic: "Say, I guess that was presumptuous of me, at that!"

The brave captain was certainly presumptuous if he thought the Golden Rule would take him to Heaven, for we read nothing about a Golden Rule in the Bible, and that must be our authority upon such an important matter as this. I am very glad indeed that he is thankful to God for the Testament, but if he reads it, he will find that neither religion, nor faith in our faith, nor what he knows and feels in his heart, will take him to Heaven. "Religion," as he says, might be "enough to get him by in any man's land," but it will not get him or anyone else by in the heavenly land. What do the Scriptures say about the way of salvation?

Here are six facts:

1. Man is a guilty sinner. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God . . . that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God" (Romans 3:22, 20).

2. Man is a condemned sinner. "He that believeth not is condemned already" (John 3:18).

3. Man is a lost sinner. "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

What guilty, condemned, lost sinners need is not a Golden Rule, not a religion, not faith in our feelings, but a Lord and Saviour. One who can save us and take us to Heaven.

4. Christ is the Way to Heaven. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the

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The New Birth

WHAT IS IT?

"Verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. . . . Ye must be born again" (John 3:3, 7). This statement was made by the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to one of the most religious, moral and sincere men of His day. The question that naturally arises in one's mind after reading these words is: "What is this being 'born again' that Christ declared was so essential to seeing and entering the Kingdom of God?"

The New Birth
WHAT IS IT?

The answer, in brief, is this. The new birth is the impartation, by God, of spiritual life to a person, which fits him for the presence, favor, and service of God.

At our *physical* birth there was imparted to us a *physical*, or natural, life which fitted us for an earthly sphere which we could call the *"kingdom of men."* Through our five senses we were enabled to live, move and have our being on earth and communicate with our environment.

Now the Lord Jesus spoke of another kingdom or sphere, "the Kingdom of God." This is defined in Romans 14:17 as "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." How is this Kingdom to be entered? The answer is simple and quite reasonable—by a birth. As *physical* life necessitates a *natural birth* for its entrance; so *spiritual* life necessitates a *supernatural birth* for its entrance. It is the impartation to a person of this spiritual life

that constitutes the new birth or being born again. The margin reads "born from above." This is in contrast to our physical birth which is from below, or of this earth. The source of the new birth is Heaven. Apart from this new birth no one can be acceptable to God.

The absolute necessity for this new birth lies in the fact that each of us at his natural birth, inherited a *sinful nature*, which is called by God "the flesh." This nature is described as being "at enmity to God, not subject to the law of God, neither can be." Then follows the logical conclusion: "So then, they that are in the flesh (i.e. those in their natural condition) *cannot please God*" (Romans 8:7-8).

This simply means that man, in his natural condition, *can do nothing to merit God's favor.* All his attempts to gain God's approval by his good works, prayers, good resolves, and religious rites and exercises are of *no avail whatsoever.* Just as no one can live *naturally*, in the kingdom of men, without being *born*; so no one can live *spiritually*, in the Kingdom of God, without being *born again.*

The question that now arises is: "How can a person be born again, or how is this spiritual life imparted to one?" The answer is again found in God's Word, the Bible. Christ, the Son of God, clothed Himself with humanity and came to earth in order to provide believing sinners with this spiritual life (John 10:10). On the cross of Calvary He willingly bore all our sins and suffered, at the hands of God, the full penalty that was their due. By his death the Saviour accomplished *all the work needed for our salvation*, then rose again, and now ever lives to give eternal life, as a free gift, to every

sinner that trusts in His finished work, and receives Him by faith as his own personal Saviour and owns Him as the Lord of his life. See John 3:16; 5:24; Romans 6:23; 10:9-10.

The moment a sinner receives Christ as his Saviour, God communicates to him this spiritual life, and thus the Christian becomes a partaker of the Divine nature (II Peter 1:4). Having this Divine nature, he can now think, say and do those things that please God. The impartation of this Divine nature is the new birth, or being born from above. The question each reader should honestly ask himself is: "Have I been truly born again?" May it be yours to

"Come, as a sinner, and trust now in Christ,
Who bore thy sins and shame;
Then, by the Spirit of God, through the Word,
Thou shalt be born again!"

—Alfred P. Gibbs

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Official Promises

FROM THE WORD OF GOD

The Promise of God's Love — "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

The Promise of Real Salvation — "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

The Promise to Keep His Own—"He is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24).

The Promise of the Indwelling Saviour—"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me" (Revelation 3:20).

The Promise of Final Judgment by the Son of God—"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life:

and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:11, 12).

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Take the official promises of God as your own now. Then you will be in the great army of the King of kings, who will give you final victory by taking you into His very presence to dwell eternally with those redeemed by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

—*Clyde H. Dennis*

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Our Story

By AN OLD PAIR OF SHOES

A Message for You . . .

OUR STORY
by an Old Pair of Shoes

HERE WE ARE on the floor of the attic, between a yellow-pine rafter and the old camphor-scented trunk, where we were placed last Thursday, the day after the funeral. We were worn by a Defense Worker whom all his friends called "Steve."

Steve was a moral man (as the world counts morality)—paid all his bills and treated everybody "on the up and up," yes, everybody—except GOD! He never read God's Word (the Bible) and never, but once, entered any place where God's Word was preached. That once was when his wife asked him to attend a special service at the church on the corner of their street. That evening the evangelist spoke from the words of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself:

"He that is not WITH Me is AGAINST Me, and he that gathereth not WITH Me SCATTERETH ABROAD" (Luke 11:23).

He told Steve, along with the others assembled, that if he did not receive the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, and he should die in his sins, HE WOULD BE LOST IN HELL FOREVER!

That was enough—too much, in fact. Steve never went back. He seemed to think that if he never attended services he could, by so doing, dodge God. So he once remarked to a friend that he left "all the religion of the family" to his wife.

Last Saturday evening Steve went to the super-market for a box of oatmeal his wife had forgotten to buy for Sunday morning breakfast. While there he met a friend and told him that he was going, on Sunday, to look over a second-hand car down in Brownsville.

But Saturday night God said:

"Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee" (Luke 12:20).

At 11:30 he had a heart attack. At midnight he was DEAD! Wednesday he was buried. Now Steve's body is in Rosemont Memorial Park, his soul is in HELL, and we, his old shoes, are in the attic. He lived without God, died without Christ and, therefore, perished without hope.

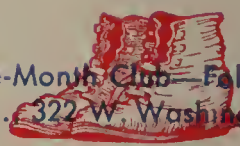
Friend, are you SAVED?

"God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved"** (Acts 16:31). **"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord . . . thou shalt be saved"** (Romans 10:9).

Have YOU ever repented of your sins, believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who died on Calvary's cross for the sins of lost humanity,

and confessed Him before men as your Lord? If you must answer honestly "No," will you, right now, turn in repentance to God, tell Him that you want the Lord Jesus Christ to be your Saviour, and that you will confess Him before men as your Lord? If you will, you will be saved, and your soul will be in HEAVEN should your body be in the grave and your shoes be in the attic.

—*Fred C. Cowell*



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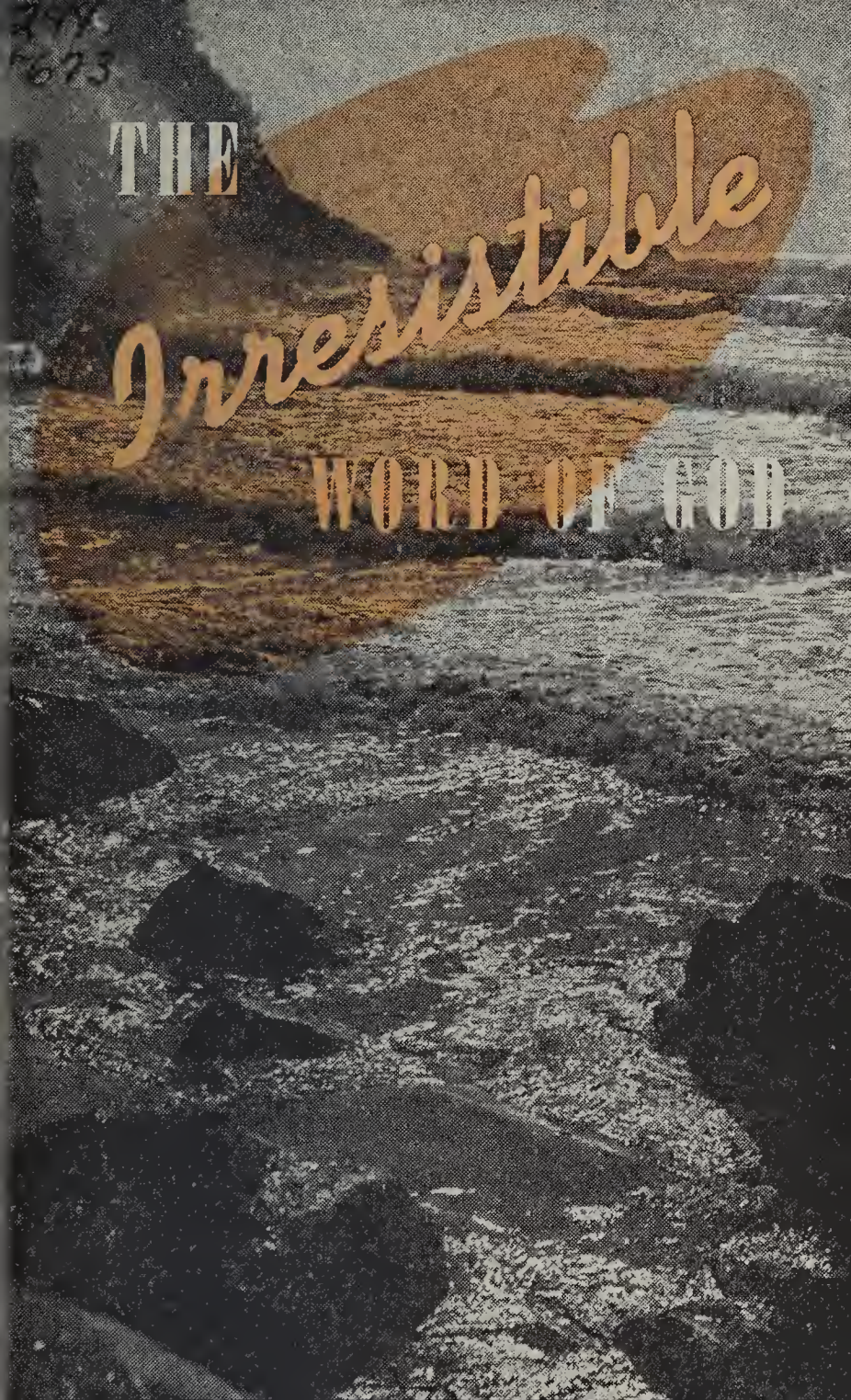
THE
Irresistible
WORD OF GOD

WHO can stop a river? Men may change its course, men may dam it up, but it flows on. God's holy Word is likened to a pure river of life (Revelation 22:1). Down through the ages it has come; nothing in earth or hell can stop it; it gives life to all who stoop and drink of its refreshing promises.

Who can stop the rain, who can stop the snow? God has promised that His Word shall go forth as the rain and the snow—it shall be irresistible. "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it" (Isaiah 55).

The San Francisco Chronicle, in a recent editorial, said: "Nothing can stop the Bible. It is useless to call it the world's best seller, though it is, because that term implies comparison and there is nothing else that even remotely compares with the Bible in popular circulation."

The Bible, or parts of it, has now been translated into 1,027 languages. It is the most wonderful book the world has ever seen. It is estimated that there are over 200,000,000 Bibles. Placed end to end they would make a line 17,000 miles long.

It is the oldest book. The five books of Moses were written seven hundred years before Rome was built.

It is the truest book. Other books may err: the Bible cannot, simply because its Author is the eternal God—the God who cannot lie. All that He says is truth.

It is the best loved book. Men have laid down their lives for it: they have purpled the heather on Scotland's hills with their blood; died in Italy's valleys, in Spain's inquisition's, in Rome's prisons rather than give it up. The rack, the gallows, and the stake have each failed to make the Lord's saved ones give up, deny, or cease to love the Bible.

"The Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight . . ." (Hebrews 4:12, 13).

An example of the power of the Word of God is seen in the following story: Two servants of God were quoting scripture on the street corner of a small Wisconsin town. One young man passing by on his way to a tavern heard only the words "Ye must be born again." Again and again they repeated themselves to him. As he sipped his beer he thought of them, as he went to bed

they came to him, as he milked the cows they troubled him; he had no rest, no peace—the Word of God was speaking to him. The next Saturday he went to the corner where he had heard these words, and seeing there the men again preaching, he asked them how he could be born again, and there he accepted the Son of God as his Savior.

The Bible is to be reverenced, read, believed, obeyed, treasured in the heart, practiced in the life. Do you read, believe and love the Word of God? Have you received Christ as your Savior?

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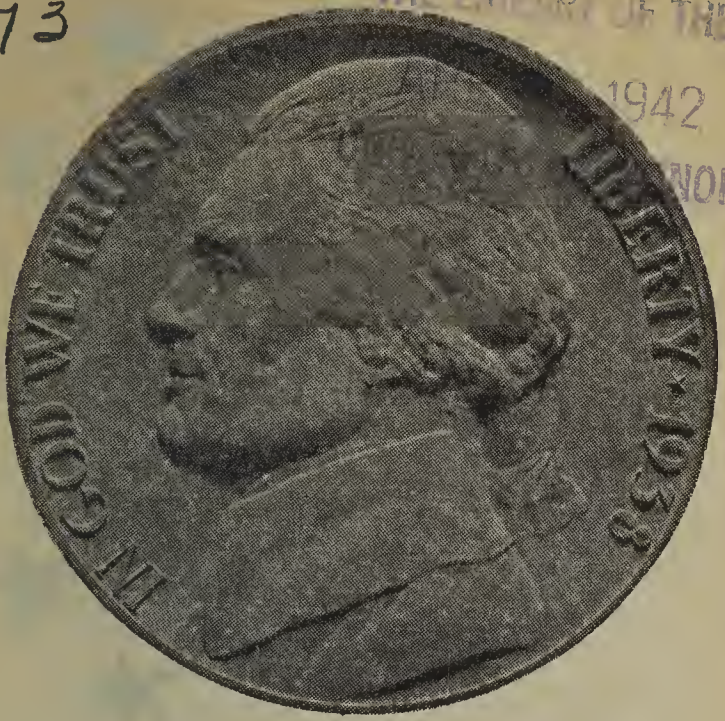

AFTER 25 YEARS...

A NICKEL

THE NEW NICKEL CARRIES A

SHINY NEW NICKELS are now jingling in the pockets and purses of 120,000,000 American citizens. For twenty-five years the United States mint has produced the "buffalo" nickel which was replaced by the new "Jefferson" nickel.

According to law, the design of the coin of any particular denomination may be changed only once in 25 years, and the buffalo nickel had been in use for that period. The Treasury Department held a $1,000 national competition among American sculptors for the design of the new five-cent piece. Each competitor submitted two plaster models of the new coin. It was required that the coin have on the obverse side "an authentic portrait of Thomas Jefferson and on the reverse side a representation of Monticello, Jefferson's historic home.

The coinage laws also required that there appear upon the obverse side of the coin the word "Liberty" and the date "1938," and upon the reverse side of the coin the inscription "E Pluribus Unum" and "United States of America," and the denomination "Five Cents." The coin also had to contain the motto "In God We Trust."

'TRAIT OF THOMAS JEFFERSON

Through this new coin God can speak to each one who reads its various inscriptions. The word "Liberty" would remind us that true liberty is found only in Jesus Christ. Sin—the three-letter word with dynamic power—has spoiled every human life. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Where sin is there is death! "The soul that sinneth it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4).

The coin is dated. The coming of the Son of God into the world was the pivotal point of all history! Every time you see, hear, or write a date—whether you realize it or not—you are acknowledging the fact that Jesus Christ came into the world. He who was and is very God became a Man that He might die for those whose sins had alienated them from God. He made it possible for all sinners—the most vile or the most self-righteous—to be saved by simply trusting Him as the One who died for them!

The law requires that the motto "In God We Trust" also appear on the coin. Do you trust in God? Have you, by faith, received the Son of God as your Saviour? If you are not saved, certainly you are not trusting God, and the chains

of sin, which at this moment bind you, will carry you down to hell for ever and ever.

If you are not saved, recognize your sinnership in the sight of God. Trust the Lord Jesus Christ who came to be your Saviour. Trust Him with your all. Then, according to the Word of God, you will have life everlasting! "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth (trusteth) in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

God forbid that you should lay aside this paper until you have received Jesus as your Saviour. Then every time you see the new Jefferson nickel let it remind you of the wondrous salvation God has given you "without money and without price!"

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BRITAIN, FRANCE AND GERMANY

Decide...

☆ *And so must you!*

TWO of the greatest decisions in the history of mankind have just been made —decisions that may change the course of the entire world.

In his rejection of the "impossible" peace terms set forth by Adolf Hitler, Prime Minister Chamberlain, speaking for both England and France, said: "Hitler's proposals for security are based upon recognition of his conquests. It would be impossible for Britain to accept any such basis without forfeiting her honor. . . . Acts, not words alone, must be forthcoming before we and France would be justified in ceasing to wage war to the utmost of our might."

Hitler's comeback with the threat of a "blood bath" war told the world of his grim decision. And the Second World War continues. The world has yet to see the tremendous outcome of these mighty decisions.

There is a supreme decision that you, as an individual, must make during your lifetime. This decision will change

not only the course of your life in time, but will determine the destiny of your soul for eternity.

That great decision is this: "What will you do with Jesus?" If you receive Him and depend upon Him as your Savior you have chosen the very best that God has—you will be saved. If you refuse Him, or go on neglecting to definitely receive and depend upon Him, you are lost.

BRITAIN, FRANCE AND GERMANY

Decide

. . . and so must you

Just as England, France and Germany could not evade a decision so you cannot evade a decision for or against Jesus Christ, God's Son, who came to be the Savior. At this moment you are either saved or lost. There is no middle path, no neutral ground. You must decide!

Could words be more plain than this Scripture: "He that believeth on the Son

hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

"What will you do with Jesus?
Neutral you cannot be;
Some day your heart will be asking,
What will He do with me?"

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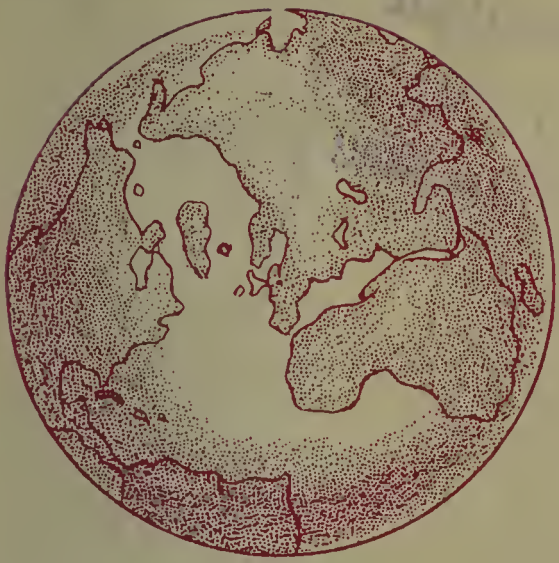

WHAT TO EXPECT

Next ☆ A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

Today May Bring One of the Greatest Miracles the World Has Ever Seen . . .

THE AGE in which we are living is a changing, shifting age. The recent pact between Russia and Germany showed that the seemingly impossible could happen overnight. Who would have guessed that these two nations, avowed enemies so far as outward appearances were concerned, would join together?

What can we expect next? What is the destiny of the nations and what will come to pass? One of the greatest proofs of the Bible is the prophetic word, and here we have revealed the destiny of the nations of the world and the things which shall come to pass. As the Bible gives us the trustworthy knowledge about creation, so it gives us knowledge about the future. The God who knows the end from the beginning has made the future known in His Word through His chosen instruments, the prophets.

The last World War set the stage for the revival of the Roman empire which shall be the last Gentile power on earth. The present conflict in Europe may be the setting for that Great Northern Confederacy of which the Word of God speaks.

Although we cannot be dogmatic about many of these things, there is one great event which may happen today! We can expect the coming of Jesus Christ to the clouds to take the saved of earth home to heaven! This will be one of the greatest miracles of all time. Those who have been born again and have been given new natures will then be given glorified bodies, bodies like the glorious body of Christ, which shall be able to enjoy heavenly things. (Phil. 3.)

Think of this! Men, women, boys, girls—from every walk of life, from every kindred, tongue, people, nation—caught up from this confused world in a moment of time and taken to heaven to enjoy the blessings of God for all eternity! Are you saved, and are you looking for this great event?

Young man, young woman, older

one—do you know that some day you will have to bow the knee to Christ and confess Him? If not as your Savior in time, you will have to confess Him in eternity as your Judge. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Right now, where you are, you can bow your heart to Christ and be saved! "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

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7 FACTS

IT WILL PAY YOU TO KNOW...

7 FACTS IT WILL

1. We Shall All Live Again After Death

"So then every one of us shall give account of himself unto God"* and "it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment."

2. Jesus Christ, God's Son, Shall Judge Us

"The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son" and "the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God."

3. We All Deserve Punishment for Our Sins

"There is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not" and "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "The wages of sin . . . death."

4. We Cannot Save Ourselves

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but by His mercy He saved us" and "by . . . works . . . shall no flesh be justified."

5. God Has Punished His Son for Our Sins

"He . . . spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all" and "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son . . ."

6. Our Advocate, the Lord Jesus, is Alive Today

"There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" and "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

7. We Are Saved by Receiving God's Free Gift

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

We Beseech You—

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ . . ." "if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, *thou shalt be saved.*"

"What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"
"Behold, *now* is the day of salvation."

*Quotations are taken from God's Word, the Bible. They will be supplied upon request, that you may discover for yourself the truth. . . .

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Who WILL BE THE MAN?

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THE AMERICAN PUBLIC will place in the United States capitol the man who will guide this great nation through some of the most difficult years in its history. Who will this man be?

All the complex problems of government will be heaped upon the shoulders of the man who is elected president. He will be faced with a debt of nearly 43 billions of dollars. He will be called upon to help solve financial, social and commercial problems of the day.

As you weigh in your own mind the capability and suitability of each candidate, and finally decide upon the one best fitted for this tremendous task, you should know of the coming King of kings who will solve all problems of our great nation and the problems of all nations of the world.

Let us look at His past record, and note some of His significant characteristics:

1. He is the greatest benefactor the world has ever known.
2. He has made the greatest personal sacrifice of any man, living or dead.
3. He is remembered and loved by more people than any known being.

4. He is the rightful owner of the world and all its wealth.
5. His name is on the lips of countless thousands who await His imminent and glorious appearing.
6. This wonderful Person extends forgiveness and eternal life freely and unconditionally to whoever will own Him and depend upon Him to save them.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the name of this Man who is coming first of all for the saved of earth and then to reign as the King of kings. Christ's victorious return as the King of kings will end all infidelity; it will be a complete vindication of His Person as it will be a vindication of the Bible as the infallible revelation of God. He will institute the government of righteousness and peace; He will bring to the nations the true liberty, fraternity and equality; He will end conflict between capital and labor for "He shall judge the poor with righteousness" and "He shall save the poor and needy" (Psalm 72).

He will bring universal disarmament, "for He shall speak peace unto the nations and His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river even unto the uttermost parts of the earth" (Zech. 9:10). He who bore the crown of thorns on His bleeding brow will take away the curse. Enthroned as King, His glorified saints will reign and rule

with Him in the new creation, when finally there will be a new heaven and a new earth.

Think of knowing this King personally! If you are not saved, this Man, who is now living in heaven, is waiting to receive you—waiting to extend freely to you eternal life. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

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COMING EVENTS

The coming of Jesus Christ to the clouds to take the saved of earth to heaven . . .

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (II Thessolonians 4:16,17). Are you saved so that you will go when Christ comes?

The Great Tribulation when the rejecters of Christ will be blinded by Satan . . .

"The day of Christ is at hand . . . and then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume . . . even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan . . . and for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (II Thessalonians 2). If you will not believe the Gospel now while the Spirit of God pleads with you to be saved, how can you expect to come to God after Christ has come, when the Holy Spirit has been taken away?

Will You Now Prepare to Meet

The coming of Jesus Christ as King of the earth and the judgment of the nations . . .

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war . . . and He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" (Revelation 19:11-16).

The Supreme Court of the Universe where the wicked dead are judged by Christ . . .

"And I saw a great white throne . . . and I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God . . . and whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire" (Revelation 20:11-15).

The eternal state, with the bliss of the saved and the remorse of the unsaved . . .

"God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death." "Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Revelation 21:4, Matthew 25:41).

d by Accepting His Blessed Son?

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HOW
to Be Saved!

RECOGNIZE YOUR SINNERSHIP in the sight of God: "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

REPENT: Turn from your sin and indifference; confess that you are hopelessly lost and under condemnation without Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.

BELIEVE AND DEPEND UPON JESUS CHRIST TO SAVE YOU: "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12).

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When you look to Christ for salvation you will not be disappointed; He will give abundantly more than you could ask or think!

"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:22). "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). "For if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). Look up!

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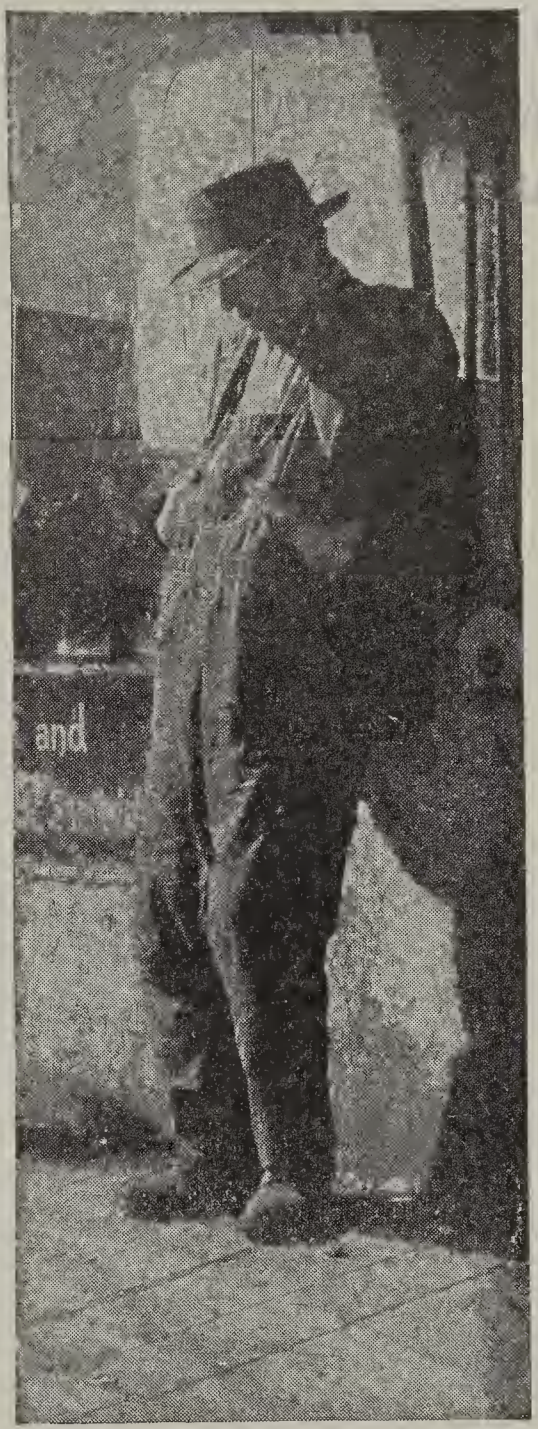
50 YEARS of LOOKING DOWN



A MESSAGE FOR YOU...

50 YEARS OF LOOKING DOWN

"A young man once found a five-dollar bill on the street," says William Feather, a well-known writer. "From that time on he never lifted his eyes when walking. In the course of years he accumulated 29,516 buttons, 54,172 pins, twelve cents, a bent back, and a miserly disposition.

"He lost the glory of the sunlight, the sheen of the stars, the smiles of friends, tree blossoms in the spring, the blue skies, and the entire joy of living."

This man is not the only one, however, who has suffered loss because of looking down. How many have looked to this earth for satisfaction, pleasure, wealth, and happiness and have never in their lifetime looked up to God for the good things He will bestow! How many have laid up treasure on earth and have neglected the salvation of their precious soul! How many have meant to be saved tomorrow or on their death-bed and have gone into eternity without knowing the Savior!

The Scripture says: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the WHOLE WORLD AND LOSE HIS OWN SOUL?" Mark 8:36. The most important step one can make in life is the step of looking to God by faith and accepting His Son as personal Savior!

raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

"Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, SEEING HE EVER LIVETH" (Hebrews 7:25). *Because Jesus Christ lives in Heaven, those who trust Him for salvation have the assurance that they will live with Him also. "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth on Me, though he die, yet shall he live." Open your mind and heart and receive the Son of God as your Savior.*

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He Arose!

IF THE TRUTH of the resurrection could grip the souls of men and women this world would be changed!

The resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, from among the dead proves that the greatest conflict in history was won by Christ in behalf of the sons of men.

Because of His death and resurrection, it is possible for you and me to know the joys of sins forgiven and the assurance of eternal life here below. Because Christ lives He says: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth on Me, though he die, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). Have you been passing up eternal life through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?

After His sacrificial death on the cross of Calvary, when in those dark hours He was judged by God for your sin, God's blessed Son was placed in a new tomb. But His enemies set up a guard at the tomb and sealed it with a Roman seal, lest His body be taken away.

Three days later, on the resurrection morning, the angel's message was this: "Fear ye not: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN, as He said" (Matthew 28:5, 6).

Christ arose from the dead! He who was "made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" was accepted by God. The "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world" had successfully carried out the work His Father sent Him to do.

Now the message of the Bible to you is: "For if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath

and will sup with him, and he with Me" (Revelation 3:20).

"Jesus said . . . I am the Door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved" (John 10:9).

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The CENSUS Man

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THE CENSUS enumerator will be around knocking at your door and wanting to know among other things:
How much rent do you pay?
How many years of schooling have you had?
Are you regular in your mortgage payments?
What language was spoken in your home in your earliest childhood?

This is a far cry indeed from the first census taken in 1790 when the heads of families were required to report only the names of "Free, white males and females, all other free persons and slaves."

There is Another who is interested in how much rent you pay, how many years of schooling you have had, your earnings, and in all of the other phases of your life. He is an expert in census taking.

We read in the Bible that "He telleth the number of the stars: He calleth them all by their names" (Psalm 147:4). Not even our greatest astronomers have been able to count the myriads of stars in the heavens but God knows their names because He placed them each one in the heavens and keeps them there.

In the Scripture, Matthew 10:30, we find that "the very hairs of your head are all numbered." Not only does God know all about you—He is intensely interested in your eternal welfare. God's beloved Son was sent from heaven to Calvary to be judged for your sin. "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Now, as the great census taker, God brings life's supreme question to you: "WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?" (Matthew 22:42). Will you take Him as your Savior and know the blessing of sins forgiven and life eternal or will you reject Him or neglect Him to your own soul's eternal judgment?

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him,

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My EYES

My eyes are priceless! Through them I look out upon the world. They see the good, the bad and the indifferent.

My eyes have always been fair to me. They have stood the test time and again. I use them constantly from waking until bedtime. In all that I have attempted, my eyes have had their part.

My Eyes

My eyes have enabled me to enjoy the work of artists, authors and poets. They have beheld the wonders of God's creation; the birds, flowers, trees, rivers, hills and plains. My eyes have seen my loved ones; parents, brothers, sisters, and friends.

But for my eyes, the sight of all sights is yet future! For strange as it may seem, my eyes shall one day behold the Lord, Himself. The unfailing Word of God says: "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him" (Revelation 1:7). Yes, my eyes shall "behold the King in His beauty." They shall behold the One "who His own self

bare our sins in His own body on the tree" (I Peter 2:24).

My eyes shall behold Him either as SAVIOUR, or as JUDGE. The eyes of those who have believed upon Him here, shall behold Him as SAVIOUR. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (I John 3:2).

The patriarch Job said: "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another" (Job 19:25-27).

"Face to face, O blissful moment!
Face to face—to see and know.
Face to face with my Redeemer,
Jesus Christ, who loves me so."

But the eyes of unbelievers shall see Him as JUDGE. "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: . . . and hath given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man" (John

5:22-27). To meet Him as JUDGE will mean to perish; for as JUDGE, He says: "Depart from Me" (Matthew 25:41).

The greatest of all sights awaits your eyes. You are going to behold the Lord Jesus Christ. Will He as SAVIOUR beam upon you with inexpressible love, or will He as JUDGE pronounce the sentence of eternal doom?

WHICH SHALL IT BE?

"For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

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caught up to be with Him in heaven, or will you be left behind to be deceived by the antichrist?

So that you may be ready, God has spoken of another "hour." "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead (those spiritually dead in trespasses and sins) shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live . . . He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24, 25). God's "hour" of salvation is "now."

If you will only take in this simple promise of the Gospel, and be saved now, you will be ready when the Lord Jesus comes. We know that it will be the happiest "hour" in your experience. You will rejoice for all eternity.

By Clyde H. Dennis

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ADOLPH HITLER, in an address to his soldiers on May 10, made this significant statement: "THE HOUR HAS COME! The battle that begins today will decide the fate of Germany for the next thousand years."

Well before dawn on May 10, the hillsides of western Germany opened up like Ali Baba's cave and spewed forth the mighty German Air Force, says LIFE. The hour had come for the Nazis to begin their great offensive on western Europe. Hitler had smartly picked the exact moment when the British Government was tottering. The world was in a mood of awesome dread of the German war machine. This great assault had the immediate job of winning air and sea bases so close to England as to make London a haunted city.

As the Germans swept westward into the low countries, one of the greatest battles of all times loomed ahead. At times the land forces were supported with an estimated 6,000 planes, and between 2,500 and 3,000 tanks, each the equivalent of nearly 1,000 men. Allied defenses crumbled before the mighty onslaught. Indeed, it seemed as if the "Hour has come."

Who knows, perhaps Germany's hour has come. Whatever is the outcome of this present mighty conflict, Americans will be affected only indirectly for the moment. But God speaks of "an hour" which will affect every living person. "Therefore be ye ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh" (Matthew 24:44). Is your soul saved, and are you ready for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ? When that great hour of His coming arrives will you be

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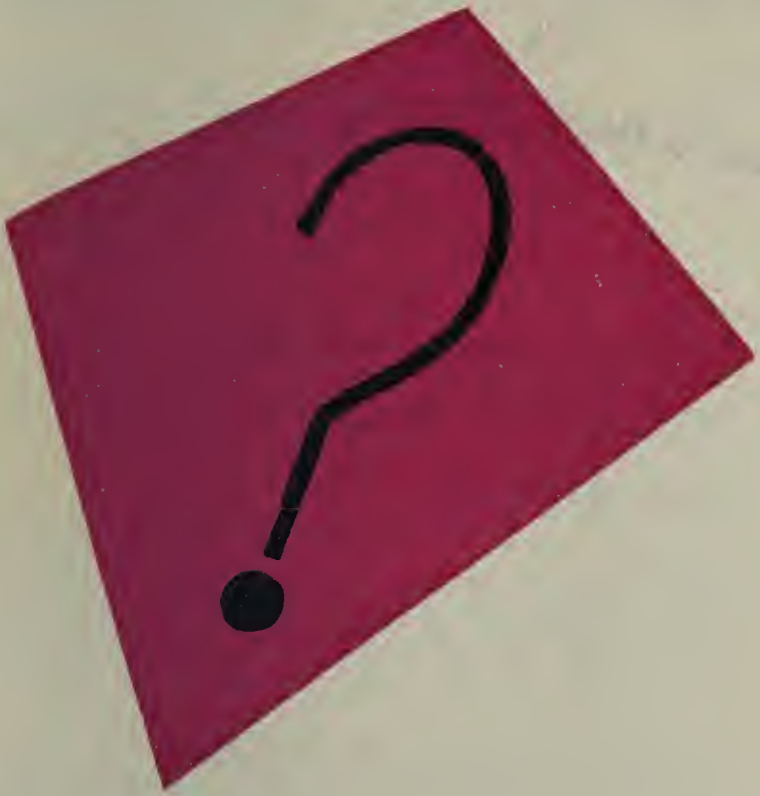

HAVE You

Have You Received t
Your Personal Savior

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED HIM—

The Bible Says:

He that believeth not the Son SHALL NOT SEE LIFE, but the wrath of God abideth on him (John 3:36). » He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (John 3:18).

What Then Should You Do?

BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved (Acts 16:31). » As many as RECEIVED Him, to them gave He power to become the sons (children) of God (John 1:12). » If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt BELIEVE in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou SHALT BE SAVED. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:9, 10).

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IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED HIM—

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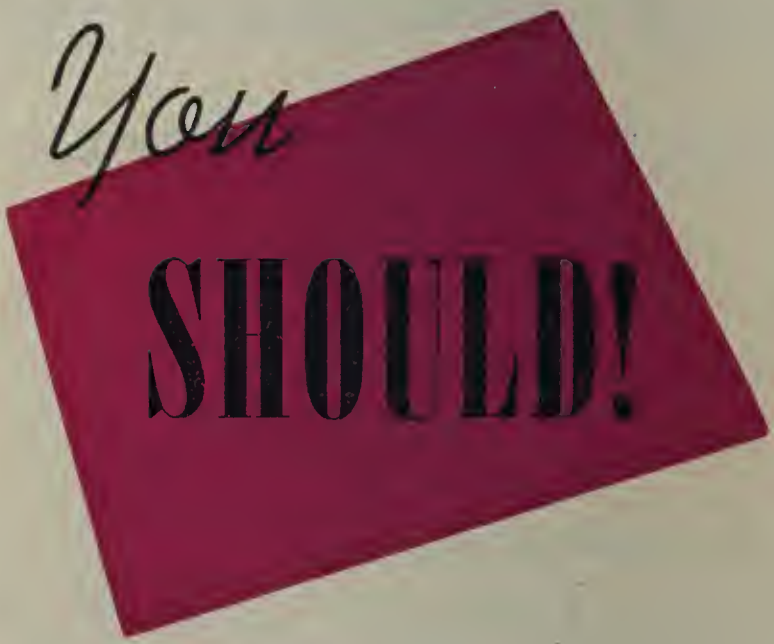
What Then Should You Do?

Rejoice in Him (Philippians 4:4).

Rest in Him (I Peter 5:7).

Live for Him (I John 2:6).

Witness for Him (II Corinthians 5:20).



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VAST CHANGES IN STORE FOR WHOLE WORLD

Economic Disaster to Come, No Matter Who Wins War

HEADLINE IN CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

Something very much like a world revolution is likely to issue from the inferno of fire and steel in which the armed forces of Europe's warring nations are proceeding.

Authorities estimate that during the past seven years Germany has spent 100 billion dollars in preparing for a totalitarian war. The Allies, caught napping, have now poured every ounce of energy and every pound of gold into the mighty conflict.

The world will be different after this war. It

will be much unlike the world we have known. No matter if the Allies do win the war, if that is possible, the changes will have taken place. Years of poverty, economic disaster, confusion and uncertainty cannot but come.

Another event, however, will bring about a far greater change in this world. This event will affect every man, woman, and child. There are those living today who for years have waited in eager anticipation for this greatest change of all changes.

The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for the saved of earth will, in a moment's time, affect a change in the whole of the world. Among the tremendous differences that will be brought about after Christ's coming are the following:

1. Believers in Christ, those who have been born again, will be instantaneously changed and caught up to meet Christ in the clouds (I Thessalonians 4:13-17). They will behold for the first time the face of the Lord of Glory, the blessed Son of God who was punished for their sins. With new, glorified bodies, they will be

able to enjoy throughout an endless eternity all the beauties and blessings God has prepared for His own in the heavens.

2. The Holy Spirit, who is God's representative on earth to convict men of sin, righteousness and judgment, will be removed from the world. If you will not be saved now, while the Spirit pleads with you to receive the Savior, it is more than likely that you will not be saved after the coming of the Lord Jesus; for in that day "God will send them a strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be condemned that believed not the truth . . ." (II Thessalonians 2:11, 12).

3. A great day of judgment by God will be manifested to and upon men. "And the heaven departed as a scroll . . . and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth . . . and mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks . . . and said to the mountains and the rocks, 'Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the

throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for . . . who shall stand?' " (Revelation 6:14-17).

Today He may come! Is your hope in Christ, or is the future uncertain? You need be uncertain no longer, for *now* is the day of salvation. Receive the Savior who says: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in . . ." (Revelation 3:20). Let Him come into your heart! It will change you for all time and eternity.

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Solomon Says...

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FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMEI

PSEUDO SAYINGS of a pagan political philosopher, the Chinese Confucius, now compass the country, but fully 500 years before the birth of Confucius, wrote one whose name has since become a synonym for wisdom; one whose judicious rule of a great people at that time made the fabulously wealthy Queen of Sheba travel thousands of miles with a glittering gold-laden caravan of gifts to visit his palace and to prove the report of his great wisdom; one who evoked from that critical queen the comment, "It was a true report that I heard of thy wisdom. Happy are men that hear thy wisdom."

King Solomon's wisdom by which he ruled his people and became the wealthiest man in the world was from God, and according to his own statement: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

Aside from his worldly wealth and wisdom Solomon endorsed and predicted the great truths of the philosophy of Christianity which has shaken civilizations and saved sinners since three thousand years before even his time.

Solomon says:

"There is a way which *seemeth* right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Only fools make a mock at sin. Who can say, 'I have made my heart clean, I am pure from sin?' He that covereth his sin shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. *For whoso findeth Christ, findeth life and shall obtain favor with God.*" (Interpolation from I Corinthians 1 :24.)

Only the "fool hath said in heart, 'There is no God.' " The saying of Solomon to "Fear God" means to reverence, honor, and worship Him as the creator of the universe and man, the author of good and the hater of evil, the One who has revealed Himself to sinful man through the person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Keeping His commandments, as Solomon said through inspiration nearly three thousand years ago, is to heed His words, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

What is believing on the Lord Jesus Christ? Trusting your hopes of heaven to His purchase of pardon for *you* on the cross.

What does "be saved" mean? Being freed from the penalty of hell for the multitude of sins which you have committed and the sinful nature which is in you. "Behold, now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation."

Accept Christ now and know the happiness and peace of forgiven sin and the joy of an assured future life with Christ in acknowledging your sinful state and stating your simple faith in Jesus Christ as your redeemer and Lord.

Solomon Says . . .

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THY MIGHT AND LEAN NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING: IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.

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12,000 HOURS TO PREPARE

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★ The average American spends an estimated 12,000 hours in school preparing for this life. The average life span on this continent is 63 years. If the average education ends at the age of 16, this means that 12,000 hours are spent in preparing to live 47 years.

★ One statement concerning the revealed will of God says "Prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12). Yet the average American spends only an estimated 200 hours (and this in early youth at Sunday School) in preparing his soul for an endless eternity.

★ This remarkable fact is true even though these warnings have been made: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul. . . . How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation" (Mark 8:36, Hebrews 2:3).

★ God has given us every opportunity to prepare for eternity. But the slothful, indifferent mind of man has been blinded by sin and neglect. Of the hundreds of invitations and promises of God, here is one: "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. . . . Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Romans 5:8, Acts 16:31).

★ The issues of eternal life and eternal death are now placed before you. If you continue as you are, you will be eternally lost. If you receive Jesus Christ as your Savior, you will be eternally saved. "As many as received Him [Christ] to them gave He power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12). You will never regret choosing the Savior.

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Went Singing
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"One of the strangest experiences in my life is connected with war," says Nordenberg, an eminent engineer in Finland.

"I offered my services to the Government and was appointed an officer in General Mannerheim's army. It was a terrible time. We beseiged the town. It had been taken by the Red Army and we re-took it. A number of Red prisoners were under my guard. Seven of them were to be shot at dawn on Monday. I shall never forget the preceding Sunday. The seven doomed men were kept in the basement of the town hall. In the passage my men stood at attention with their rifles.

"The atmosphere was filled with hatred. My soldiers were drunk with victory and taunted their prisoners, who swore as much as they could and beat the walls with their bleeding fists. Others called for their wives and children who were far away. At dawn they were all to die.

"We had the victory, that was true enough; but the value of this seemed to diminish as the night advanced. I began to wonder whether there did not rest a curse on arms whichever side used them.

"Then something happened: one of the men doomed to death began to sing! 'He is mad!' was everybody's first thought. But I had noticed this man, Koskinen, had not raved and cursed like the others. Quietly he had sat on his bench, a picture of utter despair. Nobody said anything to him—each was carrying his burden in his own way and Koskinen sang, rather waver-

ingly at first, then his voice grew stronger and filled out, and became natural and free. All the prisoners turned and looked at the singer who now seemed to be in his element:

Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o'ershaded, Sweetly my soul shall rest.
Hark, 'tis the voice of angels, Borne in a song to me
Over the fields of glory, Over the jasper sea.

"Over and over again Koskinen sang that verse and when he finished everyone was quiet for a few minutes until a wild-looking individual broke out with 'Where did you get that, you fool? Are you trying to make us religious?'

"Koskinen looked at his comrades and his eyes filled with tears. Then he asked quietly: 'Comrades, will you listen to me for a minute? You asked me where I got this song: it was from The Salvation Army. I heard it there three weeks ago. At first I also laughed at this song but it got me. It is cowardly to hide your beliefs: the God my mother believed in has now become my God also. I cannot tell you how it happened, but I know that it has happened. I lay awake last night and suddenly I felt that I had to find the Savior and to hide in Him. Then I prayed—like the thief on the Cross—that Christ would forgive me and cleanse my sinful soul, and make me ready to stand before Him whom I should meet soon.

" 'It was a strange night,' continued Koskinen. 'There were times when everything seemed to shine around me. Verses from the Bible and from the Song Book came to my mind. They brought a message of the crucified Savior and the Blood that cleanses from sin and of the Home He has prepared for us. I thanked Him, accepted it, and since then this verse has been sounding inside me. It was God's answer to my prayer. I could no longer keep it to myself! Within a few hours I shall be with the Lord, saved by His grace.'

"Koskinen's face shone as by an inward light. His comrades sat there quietly. He himself stood there transfixed. My soldiers were listening to what this Red revolutionary had to say.

" 'You are right, Koskinen,' said one of his comrades at last. 'If only I knew that there is mercy for me, too! But these hands of mine have shed blood and I have reviled God and trampled on all that is holy. Now I realize that there is a Hell and that it is the proper place for me.'

"He sank to the ground with despair depicted on his face. 'Pray for me, Koskinen,' he groaned, 'tomorrow I shall die and my soul will be in the hands of the devil!'

"And there these two Red soldiers went down on their knees and prayed for each other. It was no long prayer, but it opened Heaven for both, and we who listened to it forgot our hatred. It melted in the light from Heaven, for here two men who were soon to die sought reconciliation with God. A door leading into the inivisible stood ajar and we were entranced by the sight.

"Let me tell you shortly that by the time it was four o'clock all Koskinen's comrades had followed his example and began to pray. The change in the atmosphere was indescribable. Some of them sat on the floor, others talked of spiritual things.

"The night had almost gone and day was dawning. No one had had a moment's sleep. 'Sing the song once more for us, Koskinen,' said one of them. And you should have heard them sing! Not only that song but verses and choruses long forgotten came forth from their memories as buds in the sunshine. The soldiers on guard united their voices with them.

"The town clock struck six. How I wished I could have begged for grace for these men, but I knew that this was impossible.

"Between two rows of soldiers they marched out to execution. One of them asked to be allowed once more to sing Koskinen's song. Permission was granted. Then they asked to die with uncovered faces—and with hands raised to Heaven they sang with might and main:

Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe on His gentle breast.

When the last lines had died out the lieutenant gave the word 'Fire!' and the seven Red soldiers had fought their last fight. We inclined our heads in silent prayer.

"What had happened in the hearts of the others I do not know; but so far as I was concerned I was a new man from that hour. I had met Christ in one of His lowliest and youngest disciples and I had seen enough to realize that I too, could be His. 'The Lord looketh from Heaven; He beholdeth all the sons of men' " (Psalm 33:13).

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were to die, yet shall he live" (John 11:25, R.V.).

—(Translated for "All the World" by Major Clara Becker.)—*The War Cry.*

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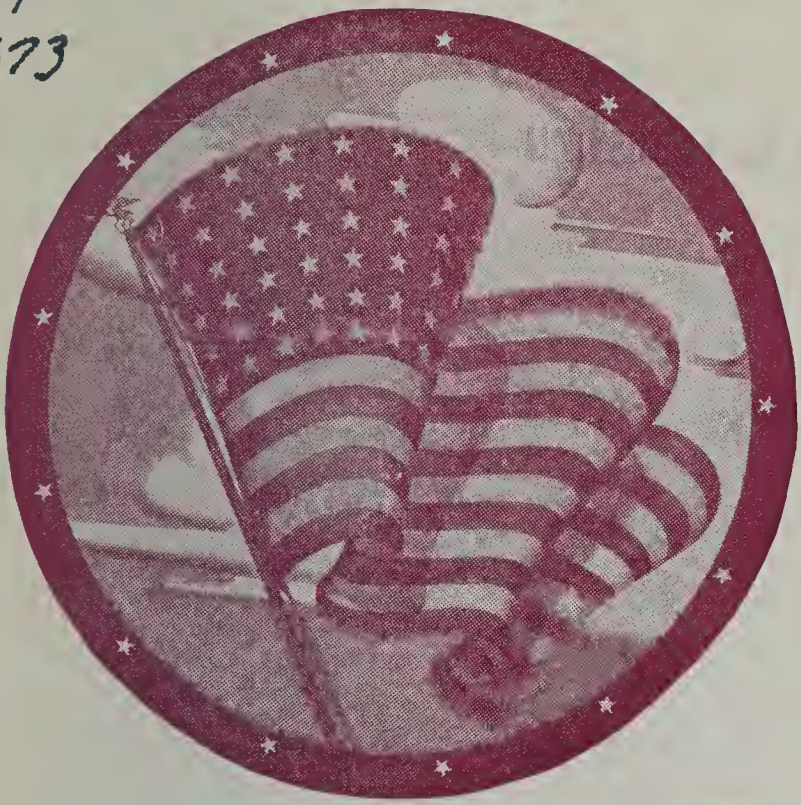


AMERICA... still the land of THE FREE!

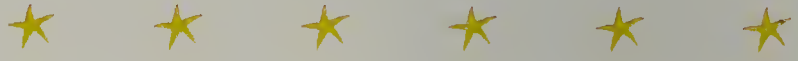
A MESSAGE FOR YOU!

AMERICA ...still

SO GREAT was the joy of Hermann Leopoldi, Viennese song writer and European refugee, upon arriving in America that he prostrated himself and kissed the ground of his adopted land. He was now in America. To him America is the land of the free—the only nation dedicated to personal and religious liberty.

Our forefathers who placed the stars in the Amercian flag penned these glorious words found in the Congressional Act of June 14, 1777: "The Union shall be thirteen stars in a blue field representing a new constellation . . . symbolizing as previously stated, stars in the heavens . . . signaling to mankind the birth of the first nation on earth dedicated to personal and religious liberty; a sanctuary to which men and women the world over, oppressed because of religious and other beliefs, might take refuge and enjoy Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

How thankful we should be for America! It is our heritage to enjoy Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness! But what do we know of real



...e land of the Free!

Life? We may have lived a lifetime, may have enjoyed all the comforts, pleasures, and good things America has to offer, and yet have missed the real meaning of Life! To have Life is to know God in the person of His Son Jesus Christ! Unless you have been born again—born of God—your life to the present time has been but a mere existence. You have missed the very best! Because of your sins you are dead to God. But Jesus said, "I am come that they might have Life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

And Liberty! What do we know of Liberty? In the land of the free we are slaves! Slaves to passion, slaves to pride, slaves to sin, and slaves to the great adversary of souls, Satan, whose desire it is to deceive men and women and take them down to an eternal hell. Yet the Lord Jesus pleads with us to hear and be saved. He says: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Happiness! What do we know of Happiness? Are Americans happy when there are thou-

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sands of hospitals, jails, penitentiaries, and institutions filled to capacity? Can the pleasures of this life satisfy the soul? No. True happiness is found in Christ alone. If you accept Him as your Saviour, He will impart to you Life, more abundant and eternal; Liberty that you have never before known; and Happiness, deep, true and abiding.

Will you now take Jesus Christ as your Saviour? "He that hath the Son hath Life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not Life" (I John 5:12). Will you not now sincerely say to Him:

"Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart Lord Jesus:
Come in today, come in to stay,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus"?

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Solved!

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Christ alone can solve every problem

He loves

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should . . . have everlasting life.
John 3:16.

He saves

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
I Timothy 1:15.

He keeps

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish; neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.
John 10:28.

He satisfies

For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
Psalm 107:9.

Christ included you

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.
Acts 16:31.

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Dear Friend:

I have wonderful news for you. One who knows you, but whom you may not know, whose riches are unsearchable, wants to make you his child and heir! Yes, it is YOU! He wants to heap upon you the richest, rarest treasures. He wants you to share His home, where you would be shielded by His love from everything that would hurt or harm you—want, sickness, sorrow, death.

All your life you may have lived in ignorance of His love and care. Because you do not know Him your heart is filled with ingratitude toward Him. You constantly ignore Him, and make it impossible for Him to show you His love.

And who is He? He is the living God who made us, and who created and rules the universe! He is infinitely holy—infinitely hating the sin that separates you from Him, but loving YOU and longing for you to know Him, and so be saved from that sin before it ends in death.

So, from His heavenly home, God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to make Him known to sinners like you and me. He came to die, for YOU!—to bear the curse and wrath of God that was due for YOUR sins!

So "Christ died for OUR sins." He took YOUR place in death! "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

The Saviour rose again the third day. In heaven He is preparing a place for His redeemed, having promised to come again to take them to be with Him there forever.

O, friend, I want these things to be yours! I want YOU to love Him! Believe, and receive Jesus Christ today as the Son of God, your Saviour—then you will be a child and heir of God. For "as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12). But the wrath of God abides on those who refuse to receive the Saviour who loves them, and gave Himself for them.

Faithfully yours,

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GOD'S TELEPHONE MESSAGE

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"Ho [hello] every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? . . . Incline your ear, and come unto Me; hear, and your soul shall live" (Isaiah 55:1-3).

This is "God's telephone message" because it starts dramatically with "Ho," meaning in modern English "Hello"—the by-word of the telephone. » » Here is a message to touch every heart and soul. It is not from a king, not from a president, but from the Creator who made us, and who laid down His life that we might be saved. This message means life and blessing to all who respond. » » "Hello!" With a salutation of love and kindness God addresses to all who are thirsty for that which satisfies. It reminds us of the words of the living Lord who says: "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink" (John 7:37). » » "Without money and without price!" God's salvation has ever been a free gift. "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). » » "Come unto Me; hear, and your soul shall live!" It is a wonderful reality that "Christ receiveth sinful men." He says: "Verily, verily, I say unto you: he that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment; but is passed from death unto life."

God's "telephone" message is ringing in your ears. Will you not hear His voice today that your soul might live?

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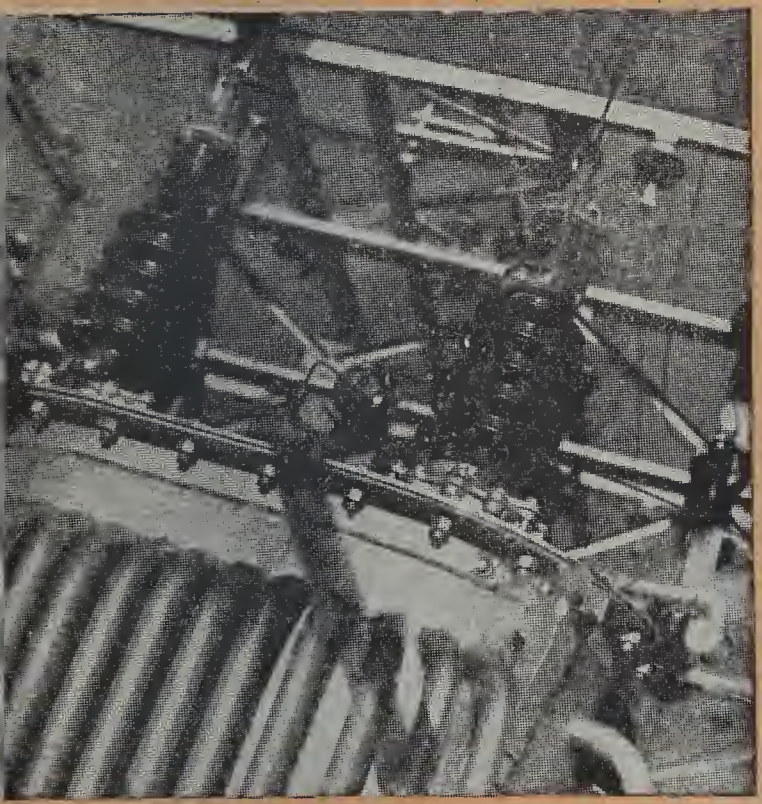
THE STORY OF AN AMAZING DISCOVERY



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Startling . . .

A NATURAL SUBSTANCE, related to uranium, is said to be capable of yielding such energy that a pound can develop energy equal to that developed by 5,000,000 pounds of coal or 3,000,000 gallons of gasoline. The announcement of this discovery is printed in the *Physical Review*, the official publication of American physicists, widely recognized as one of the foremost scientific periodicals of its kind in the world. So startling is this announcement that the experimenters have not yet felt qualified, as William L. Laurence writes in the *New York Times*, "to discuss a modern discovery that could be regarded as of equal importance in its vast implications for the immediate future."

However, while the power of steam and electricity is derived from coal, oil and gasoline, this new source of energy, scientifically known as U-235, "promises to make all of our power source mere child's toys by comparison. For instance, fifty pounds of U-235 would propel an ocean liner or an ocean-going submarine for an indefinite period . . . without refueling," for each five or ten pound lump would have the power output of 2,500 or 5,000 tons of coal.

The explosive power in U-235 is claimed to be terrific. One pound will contain as much energy as 30,000,000 pounds of T.N.T. To transport this T.N.T. 300 carloads of fifty tons would be required.

According to scientific verdict, the method of liberating the energy of U-235, chemical twin of ordinary

uranium, is simplicity itself. "All that is needed to put it to work running motors and steamships is to place it in a tank of water and keep it supplied with a constant flow of cold water." As soon as it touches the water it produces steam capable of driving powerful turbines. The process is thus termed as "the nearest practical approach to a form of perpetual motion," for as long as U-235 is supplied with water it would keep on liberating this energy until it is exhausted. No wonder many scientists have declared that U-235 represents "one of the greatest, if not *the* greatest, discovery in modern science!"

Professor John R. Dunning, Columbia University leader in this research, explained that the only problem still to be solved before U-235 can be introduced as a source of power is improvement in the methods of extraction. The natural substances from which U-235 is derived is found abundantly in the earth and throughout many sections of the world.

With the reports that have greeted the discovery of U-235 we must not overlook the far more vital and assured fact that God has given to Christians the gift of the Holy Spirit with energies far more dynamic than those of exploding atoms or mysterious elements. The Holy Spirit can give sinners a rebirth into grace and power and make them new creatures, with purified hearts and sanctified lives. Regeneration by that Spirit changes everything. As long as we ignore Christ, reject or ridicule Him, we are "children of wrath"; but when the power of faith comes into our

hearts and by the Spirit's guidance we enthrone Jesus as Sovereign of our souls and Ruler of our destinies, we become children of God.

Human energy at best can affect only the physical side of life. It cannot touch our hearts, comfort us in affliction and strengthen us in despair. The power of the Spirit, however, transforms fear to courage, doubt to conviction, affliction to blessing, death to life. That heavenly energy is so strong that it enables a twice-born Christian to find happiness even in the chaos of adversity. Ray Palmer, a young teacher alone and discouraged in New York City, harassed by religious doubts, brought his sorrow to Christ, and in his reborn trust found that strength to exult, "My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary."

"If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23). Do you believe?

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of righteousness shall no flesh be justified in God's sight? (Romans 3:20; Titus 3:5.)

Listen to the Gospel: "To him that WORKETH NOT, BUT BELIEVETH on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is reckoned for righteousness" (Romans 4:5).

This is good news! Every sinner in the world could have this salvation, if he were willing, this moment. Let anyone who wants Christ claim Him at once. As a sinner, claim the Saviour God has appointed for sinners, as your very own Saviour this moment. He sees your heart. Trust Him now as yours; and lo, He is yours!

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The ONLY Kind of People God Saves . . .

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To him that WORKETH NOT, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is reckoned for righteousness" (Romans 4:5).

I wish to call your attention to one fact—God justifies ungodly men. He does not justify all ungodly men, but He justifies ONLY ungodly men. Men think that because they have been ungodly and wicked, God demands a change in their character before He receives them. This is not true. The quotation above definitely says that "God justifies the ungodly who believe."

What then does God ask an ungodly sinner to do? First of all, nothing; that is, to cease from absolutely all efforts to save himself. For the verse says, "To him that worketh not." A man is asked simply to accept God's verdict about him—that he is ungodly, unrighteous, and unable to save himself. Second, accept the blessed news that God Himself has already reckoned his sins and ungodliness to another Person, that is, to Christ, His Son; and that, because the punishment of sin was death, Jesus has by God's appointment died, has shed His blood, in the sinner's place. "The Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). Christ died for our sins—that is, instead of our dying for them. (Death here means banishment from God under a curse; and Christ bearing our sins was forsaken on the cross as accursed of God. (Matthew 27:46; Gal. 3:13.)

Now when an ungodly man finds these two great truths: first, that he is utterly guilty and unable to help himself; and second, that Jesus Christ has already borne sin, in his place, by God's appointment; and when this ungodly man just accepts these facts and trusts this Saviour, whom God raised from the dead to be trusted, this ungodly man is saved then and there. That is, God forgives and justifies him on the basis of the price already paid—the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Do you believe this? Or, are you still trying to REFORM yourself—promising yourself that you will do better, and merit God's favor thus? Why do you not believe what God says: By deeds

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WHY WE HAVE AN EASTER

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EASTER is a time of new life. That which was dead now lives. Darkness is gone. A warm sun shines. Life has a new meaning.

The word Easter dates back originally to the spring festival in honor of Eastra, the Teutonic goddess of light and spring. As early as the eighth century the name was transferred by the Anglo-Saxons to the Christian festival designed to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

Today we are privileged to celebrate Easter because of the mighty triumph of God's Son over sin, and death, and hell. Let us refresh our minds as to the significance of this great historical fact; and as we are able to comprehend the victorious truth for every heart which is contained in the Easter message, let us bow our wills in God's presence, and accept its meaning for us.

We go back nineteen centuries. For three years the peoples of Palestine had eagerly followed an unusual Man. They had never known a man like this. When they were sick, His touch restored. When they hungered, He satisfied. When in need, He supplied. When burdened, He relieved. One day a voice came from

Heaven saying, "This is My beloved Son, hear Him." He said to the people, "I am come that you might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly."

But this Man was seized and given a mock trial. The mob cried, "Crucify Him." He was placed on a wooden cross. Just before death He cried "It is finished!"

Hearts were broken. Loving hands placed His body in a new rock-hewn tomb. A huge stone was rolled against the entrance. A Roman watch was placed at the scene.

Then the news flashed. It spread. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself!" This Man died for you; he died for me. He came to die. But what good could come of a dead Saviour? He must live!

That is why we have Easter. Christ arose from the dead to be the living Saviour for all who will avail themselves of His saving grace. His salvation is full, free, and eternal. Here is the good news: "I declare unto you the gospel . . . how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (I Corinthians 15:1-4).

Have you taken into your heart this wonderful Saviour who conquered sin, and death, and hell? If so, has the living Christ become the power of God in your life?

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Why AM I NOT A CHRISTIAN?

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Why AM I NOT A CHRIS-TIAN?

Is it because I am thinking that I will do as well as I can, and that God ought to be satisfied with that? "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10).

Is it because I am afraid of ridicule, and of what others may say of me? "Whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed" (Luke 9:26).

Is it because I am not willing to give up my dishonest and ungodly ways for Christ? "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

Is it because of the inconsistencies of professing Christians? "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12).

Is it because I am afraid that I shall not be accepted, or that I am too great a sinner? "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin" (John 6:37 and I John 1:7).

Is it because I am afraid that I shall not hold out? "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

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Are You Seeking

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Are you, as a child going to school, a young man or woman facing the problems of life, a mother fulfilling the duties of her household, or as a father working in the office, discouraged with life? Has life somehow failed to give you the happiness you once thought it would? As you look across the waters and see the horrible bloodshed caused by hate, do you despair?

Perhaps you are one of those who has indulged in pleasure's cup to the dregs. You have drunk the finest of wines; you have been borne in another's arms on the dance floor; you have attended the theatres until you know Hollywood's family almost as well as your own; with a cigarette in hand you have tried to bury your troubles. You have satisfied the lusts of the flesh and in so doing have hoped to satiate the longing in your soul.

On the other hand, perhaps you are one of those who has not entirely followed the pleasure-mad throng. You have always tried to live a good life and do what was right. Maybe you were brought up in a Christian home and were even confirmed. Now you occasionally or quite

regularly attend church. And yet, despite all this, you, too, find an emptiness within your innermost being.

What you are seeking along with countless others is a deep, abiding peace and joy that will give you real happiness. Listen to the command of Jesus as He beckons, "Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30). Again He promises, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth give I unto you" (John 14:27). And again, "These things have I spoken unto you that in Me ye might have peace" (John 16:33).

One receives this peace simply by believing on Him and accepting Him as one's way of life. "But as many as received Him to them gave He the power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12).

Friend, Christ is the only one that can give you real and lasting peace—a peace that com-

pletely satisfies you and compels you to go and tell others of the wonderful peace that He alone can give. Won't you accept Him now and receive Him as the only giver of real peace?

Then you shall be able to say with the song writer:

"Coming to Jesus my Savior I found
Wonderful peace, wonderful peace.
Storms in their fury may rage all around,
I have peace, sweet peace.
Peace, peace, wonderful peace,
Peace, peace, glorious peace;
Since my Redeemer has ransomed my soul,
I have peace, sweet peace."

—Mabel Gibson

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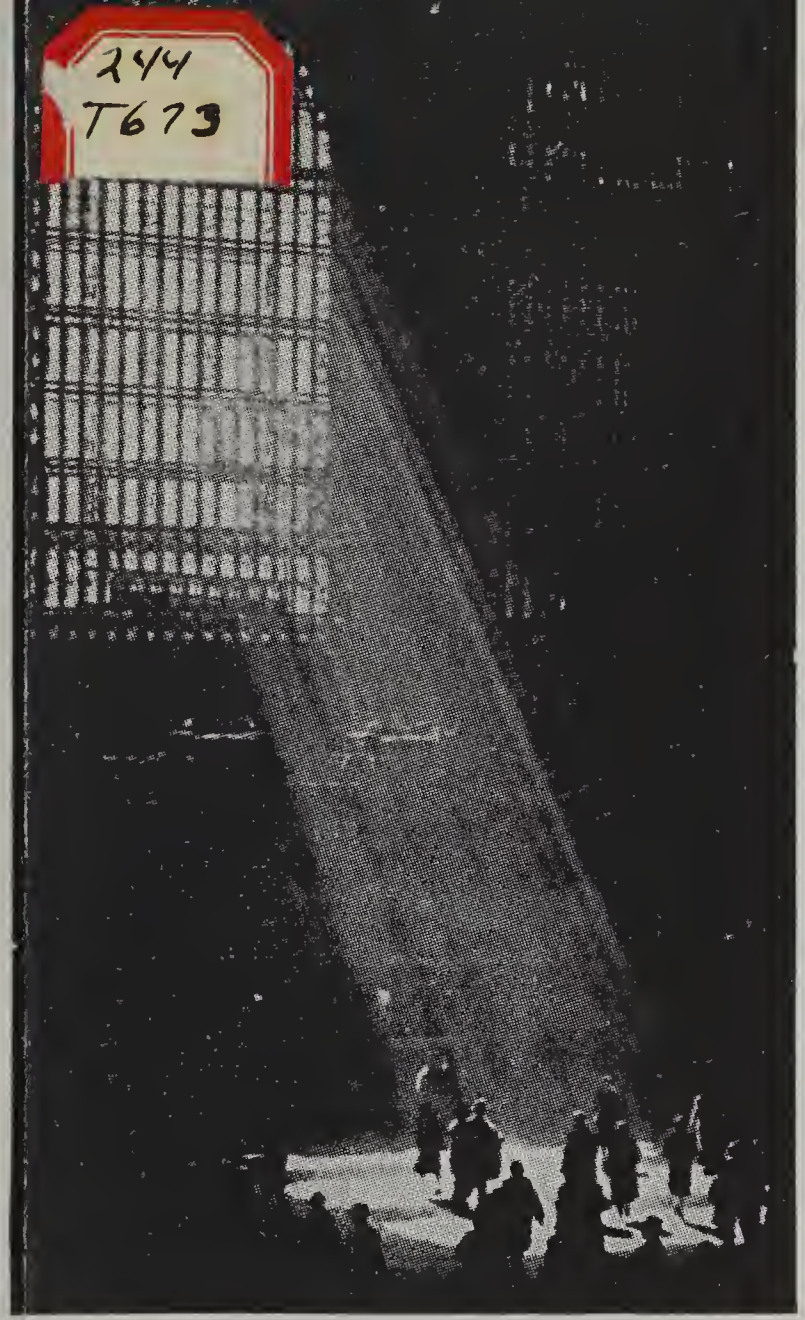

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TWO GREAT WONDERS

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1. God sending His own Son into a world full of sin—not frightening them with His glory—not judging them for their sins; nay, but healing the oppressed, and dying for their guilt. (Wondrous grace!)

2. Man resisting that grace, by resisting the light that shone in this grace, making manifest the condition of man's heart. The "Light came into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). They hated Him, they crucified Him! But now "as many as receive Him, to them gives He power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12).

Oh, what a wonder that Jesus loves me,
Out in the darkness no light could I see,
Oh, what a wonder, He'll put His great arms under,
And wonder of wonders, He'll save even me!

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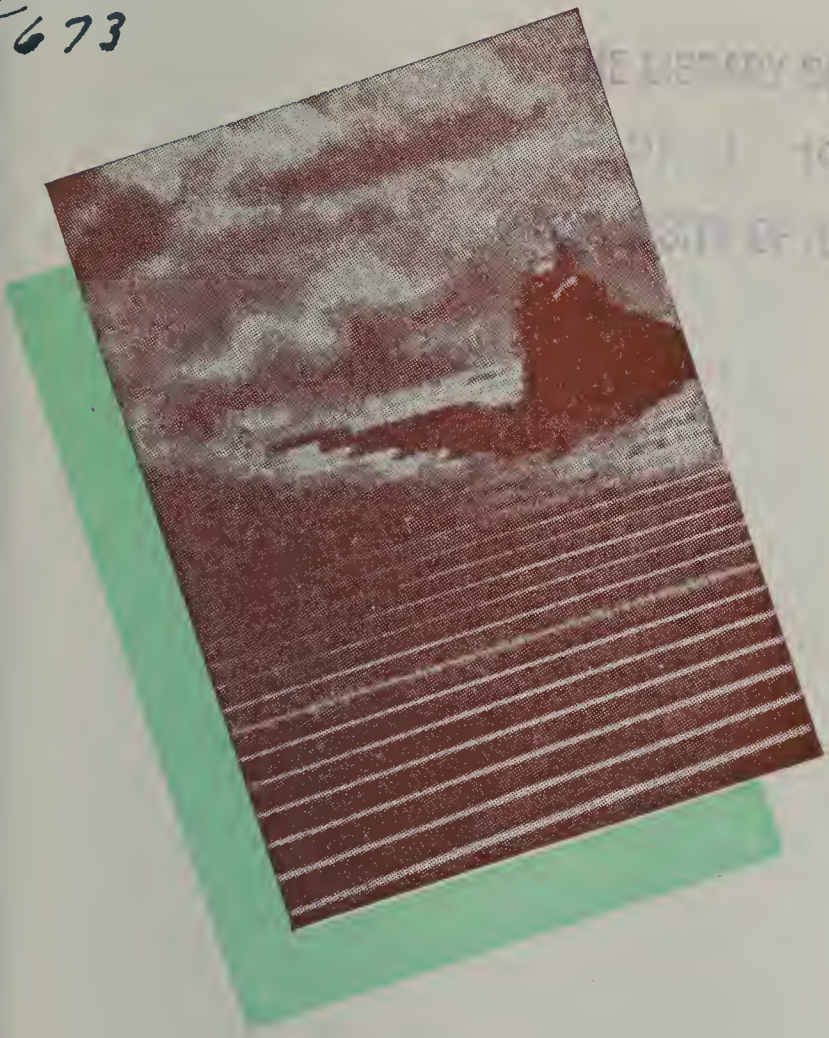

SANCTA SCALA

DO YOU KNOW THE STORY?

THERE is, in Rome an old building, quite unpretentious in appearance, but containing what is considered one of the most prized possessions of the Roman Catholic Church. This building is known as the "Lateran Palace," and is quite ancient.

Inside the palace, there is a flight of marble steps, in number twenty-eight. Tradition claims these to have been brought to Rome from Jerusalem in the sixteenth century, from the house of Pilate, who delivered the Lord Jesus Christ to be crucified. The steps are called "Sancta Scala" (holy stairs) and multitudes may be seen ascending them—young and old, rich and poor, moving up very slowly, for it is a painful process, seeing that they must ascend on hands and knees, to obtain meritorious (?) results. On every step, the penitent offers a prayer, and they are told that if the full ascent is made in this way, they may eventually obtain absolution at some future time, but when and where seems uncertain.

About four centuries ago, a young Saxon monk, lashed by a tormenting conscience, and heavily burdened with a load of sin, travelled to Rome. In his zeal he had come to make the ascent, hoping thus to be rid of his burden and obtain the favor of God. He joined the company on the marble steps, and conscientiously began the ascent on hands and knees repeating his prayers. He had laboriously reached half way,

when suddenly, he heard a voice loudly proclaiming in his inmost soul: **"The just shall live by faith."** The precious message of the grace of God reached the heart of Martin Luther upon the "holy stairs," and the burden of unforgiven sin was rolled away. Luther became a new creature in Christ Jesus, the shackles of Romish superstition were cast away, and henceforth he rejoiced in preaching the forgiveness of sins and justification through faith alone.

Back to Germany he at once returned, and from that time proclaimed in no uncertain words that blessed and soul emancipating truth of "Justification by Faith" to the joy and blessing of thousands. Boldly he declared publicly, in defiance of Pope and Prelate, Bishops, Emperors and Kings:

> "I, Doctor Martin Luther, unworthy evangelist of our Lord Jesus Christ, confess this article of faith: THAT FAITH ALONE JUSTIFIES BEFORE GOD, WITHOUT WORKS."

The precious truth of justification by faith, reached and saved Martin Luther. Has it reached you? It is not sufficient to wear his name as a church badge, or to glory in protestantism without Christ. Scripture says "Ye must be born again," and this was spoken by the Lord to a deeply religious man. (See John 3:7.) Paul the apostle declared in the ears of religious Jews in Antioch: "Be it known unto you, men and brethren, that through this MAN (the Lord Jesus) is preached unto you, the forgiveness of sins, and by Him, all that believe, are justified

from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the Law of Moses" (Acts 13:38-39).

FAITH IN CHRIST JUSTIFIES BEFORE GOD.

GOOD WORKS (the result of faith in Christ) JUSTIFIES BEFORE MEN. To the latter, James (chapter 2) alludes; and Paul writing to the Ephesians says (chapter 2:10) "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, unto good works, which God has before ordained that ye should walk in them."

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acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1).

Will you not just now obey the commandment of the Lord? If you do, it will be the greatest day of your life. Right now, where you are, receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour and enter His glorious service. He gave His life for you. He bore your sins on the cross that you might be saved. Can you reject Him longer? He said: "Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). By trusting God, take this greatest of all steps and enter into the joy of the Lord.

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1 YEAR OF YOUR LIFE

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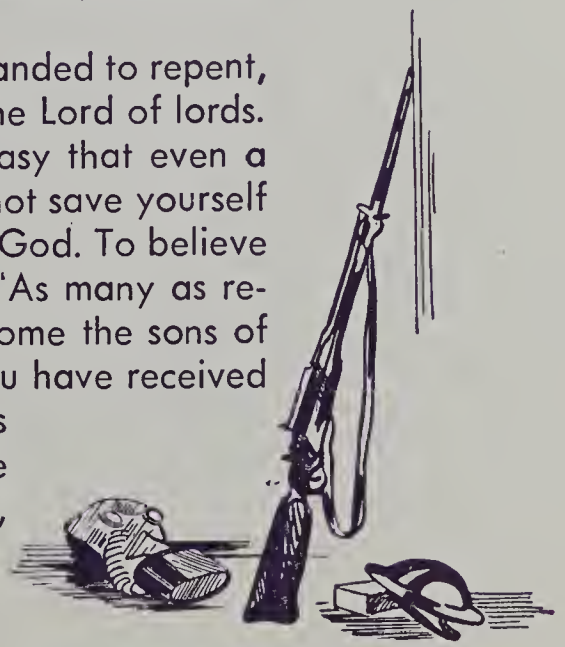
WHAT DOES IT MEAN to a young American to be called by his government to literally give one year of his life in service? The answer to this question is now being answered in the lives of hundreds of thousands of draftees from all walks of life.

Loved ones are left, pleasures are postponed, and sacrifices are made in order that the greatest democracy might be defended. This one year of service means the giving up of one-twentieth of the best years of life. And yet young America gladly responds to the call of the government.

There is, however, a commandment that far exceeds that of even the government, and which, if obeyed, will effect the life with blessing and good things far above the imagination. This commandment is not to be taken lightly, for it is given by the greatest of all authorities. It is found in the Scriptures, Acts 17:30: "But now God commandeth all men every where to repent: because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained."

You are a creature responsible to God, and here you are commanded to repent, believe, and enter the wondrous service of the King of kings, and the Lord of lords. The way is simple, for God had made the plan of salvation so easy that even a child can understand. To repent is simply to recognize that you cannot save yourself for Heaven, and to renounce the life of sin and indifference toward God. To believe is to take God at His Word, and depend upon Him to save you: "As many as received Him (Christ Jesus, the Lord) to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12). When you have received Christ as your Saviour, you then enter the service of the King of kings and the Lord of lords: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy,



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HOW IS . . .

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EYESIGHT?

If you can read what is printed on the opposite page . . . you are blessed with marvelous eyesight . . .

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

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If you believe THIS you are blessed with Eternal life, for "as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name . . ." (John 1:12).

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"God our Saviour . . . will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all" (I Timothy 2:3-6).

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The World's Best Seller

★ *IT ISN'T A HEALTH BOOK!*

★ *IT ISN'T A HIGH SCHOOL TEXT BOOK!*

★ *NOR IS IT A BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH!*

THE circulation of any ancient or modern work is insignificant in comparison to it.

Mein Kampf, Germany's compulsory book, is greatly outdistanced in circulation by the world's best seller. Only recently the United States army asked that a copy of the best selling book be placed with every soldier.

The world's best seller, or parts of it, has been translated into more than 1,000 languages. It is a book that is adapted to every color, creed, or nationality. It was the first book to be printed from movable type and for five hundred years has been read, loved, and treasured more than any other published work.

Why is it that God's Word, known as the Bible, is the world's best seller? Here is the answer. When men make machines they compile

a book of instructions and suggestions that they might be operated rightly; or, in case of mishap, that they might be repaired. Man is God's handiwork. Not a machine, however, but a free moral agent with the will to choose right or wrong. The Bible is God's Book for those whom He has created. In it are revealed His purposes, plans, and will.

Is it any wonder that the Bible is the world's best seller? Can any right thinking man refuse to read it or even neglect opening its sacred pages? It is the key of life. It has changed the lives of individuals; and households, communities, nations, the world.

God's Word reveals the utter hopelessness of a man without a personal trust in the living God—(John 3:3). It reveals the remedy for sin—(John 1:19). The central character is the most lovable person in the universe—(John 3:16, II Timothy 2:5, 6). It discloses that the issues of life depend upon one's choice of Christ—(John 3:36). It graciously outlines the path of the believer—(Romans 12).

Are you acquainted with the world's best seller? Has the One of whom it tells come into your life and forgiven you and changed you in-

to a child of God? Get a copy of God's precious book; look up the references mentioned above. Carefully and prayerfully consider them in your quiet moments. Put your name in place of "Whosoever" in John 3:16, and believing God's statement you will be saved. This is God's will for you.

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WHAT PRICE *Glory?*

MANY of you will think I'm going to discuss the tremendous price Hitler is paying to rule Europe and Africa, and perhaps the world. Many of you will think I'm going to speak of the glory that may come to the United States if it is able to stem the tide of war and misery. But I'm not.

The concern of my heart should also be the concern of every living person. It is simply this—"What price GLORY," or "What price Heaven?"

What does it cost to enter Heaven? Who may go? Can one be assured of Heaven? If you would like to know the answers to these questions, they are here for you.

What does it Cost to Enter Heaven?

You may be amazed to know that it costs you nothing, for the price has already been paid. To prove this (and I quote from the Word of God—the only authority) "The wages of sin is death, but the GIFT OF GOD is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). And, "When we were yet without strength . . . CHRIST DIED for the ungodly" (Romans 5:6).

Who May Go?

Thank God, EVERYONE is invited. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting

life" (John 3:16). You are "whosoever." You need not fear being rejected if you believe on Christ. You need not clean up your life. Just as you are you can believe on Christ, to your soul's salvation, for He said, "Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:36)

Can One Be Assured of Heaven?

Most certainly. Language could not be more plain than God's assurance: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that YE MAY KNOW that ye have eternal life" (I John 5:13).

Now I'm going to repeat that wondrous promise of God's Word. As you read this precious promise lift your heart to God in prayer and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. And in place of WHOSOEVER you may insert your own name on the blank line. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that. . . . . .

. . . . . .

who believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"Hallelujah, 'tis done
I believe on the Son;
I am saved by the blood of the Crucified One!"

If this is the song of your heart, tell others. Seek to fellowship with those who love and serve the Lord. Let Christ have the lordship of your life. And it will encourage our heart if you will let us know of your new found joy in Christ.

—*Clyde H. Dennis*

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I did all this . . .

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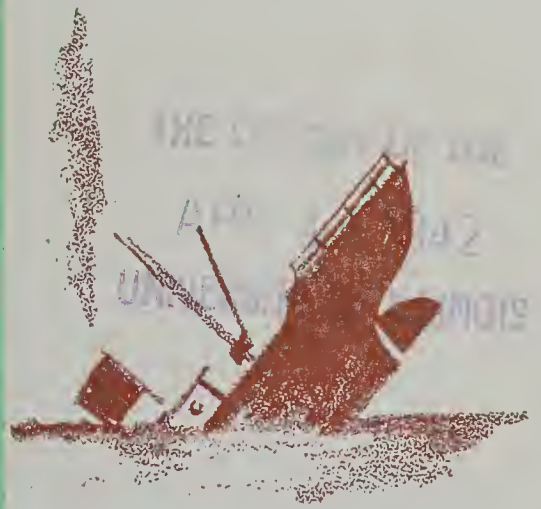

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On My Account . . .

I was never guilty of a wrong action. But on my account lives have been lost, trains have been wrecked, ships have gone down at sea, cities have been burned, battles have been lost, and governments have failed.

I've never struck a blow nor spoken an unkind word, but because of me homes have been broken up, friends have grown cold, the laughter of children has ceased, wives have been forgotten, and fathers and mothers have gone broken-hearted to their graves.

I have intended no evil, but because of me, talent and genius have come to naught, courtesy and kindness have failed, and the promise of success and happiness has yielded sorrow and disaster.

I have no sound but just my silence, no cause for being myself, no progeny except grief and disaster. You may not on the instant call me by name, but surely you are personally acquainted with me. I am NEGLECT.

Because of neglect many a well-meaning soul has died without a knowledge of God's salvation and Jesus Christ as their Saviour. It is folly to neglect the most important thing in life, and God's Word flashes this warning: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3).

Will you put off longer the issue of your soul's salvation? "Behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation" (II Corinthians 6:2). "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. . . . What must I do to be saved? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (I Timothy 1:15, Acts 16:31).

"How shall we escape?"

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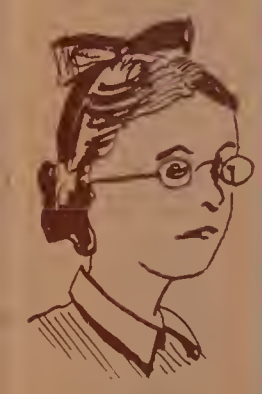
I. EXPERIENCE: NONE NEEDED. For Christ Jesus "came not to call the righteous, but *sinners*" and He said, "they that are whole have no need of a physician, but *they that are sick*" (Matthew 9:12, 13).

A. "All our good character is to God as a filthy, polluted garment (Isaiah 64:6).

B. God wants you, for He says, "Ho, every one that *thirsteth*, come ye to the waters, and *he that hath no money;* come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isaiah 55:1).



2. TO START IMMEDIATELY:

A. "Come NOW, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

B. "Come NOW, ye that say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get riches'; for ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For ye are a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:13, 14).

3. NOTHING TO PAY: (Jesus paid the price. The same Lord Jesus who went to the cross in place of the murderer, Barabbas, took the place of us all. He is the same Saviour who forgave the repenting thief on the cross next to Him, saying, "Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).

A. "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, He took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross" Colossians 2:14).

B. "*He* was bruised for *our* transgressions" (Isaiah 53:5).

C. He, "His own self bare *our sins* in His own body on the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Peter 2:24).

D. "*He* is the propitiation for *our sins*" (I John 2:2).

4. INSTRUCTIONS:

A. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved; for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9, 10, R. V.).

This is the ONLY way: "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6).

This is the DEPENDABLE way: "He is able to save to the uttermost them that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

This is the PERFECT way: "Whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it" (Ecclesiastes 3:14).

This is the only way that GIVES REWARD: "The wages of sin is *death*, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Wanted, all sinners. No others need apply . . .

—By Lewis A. McGee

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It is said that the mother of the great Napoleon could never believe that the success of her son would last. When admiring friends congratulated the humble mother in Corsica for having a son whose empire embraced the most of Europe and whose legions were carrying triumph to both Asia and Africa she would answer with a serious countenance, "If it only lasts."

It seemed like a prophecy when one day she said to some special friends of her notable son, "I foresee that he will bring disaster upon himself and all his family. He will lose all!"

Some years after Napoleon's death a gentleman from abroad was standing beside Napoleon's costly tomb in Paris. An old man approached, with eyes filled with tears. "There rests a great conqueror," said he, "but his work was not abiding. Death has stained his glory."

You see, *it did not last*. There was a great deal of poverty and suffering in countless homes to stain the glory of the one man Napoleon. Blood and tears were in the train of his march to victory.

Napoleon said himself while in St. Helena commenting upon the contrast between earthly conquerors and Christ:

"Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and I myself, have founded great empires; but upon what do these depend? Upon force. Jesus alone founded His empire upon love, and to this day millions would die for Him."

His is the kingdom that shall never end. Daniel says, "His kingdom is an ev-

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erlasting kingdom." Isaiah says, "Of the increase and of His government there shall be no end." By faith in the Lord Jesus Christ you can be saved and be assured of a place in His kingdom, for "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that *whosoever* believeth in Him should not perish, but *have* everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Everything else shall be shaken and disappear. Any hope but Christ shall be but a spider's web. Nothing else will last. Believe the Gospel and you shall be eternally saved and eternally blessed!

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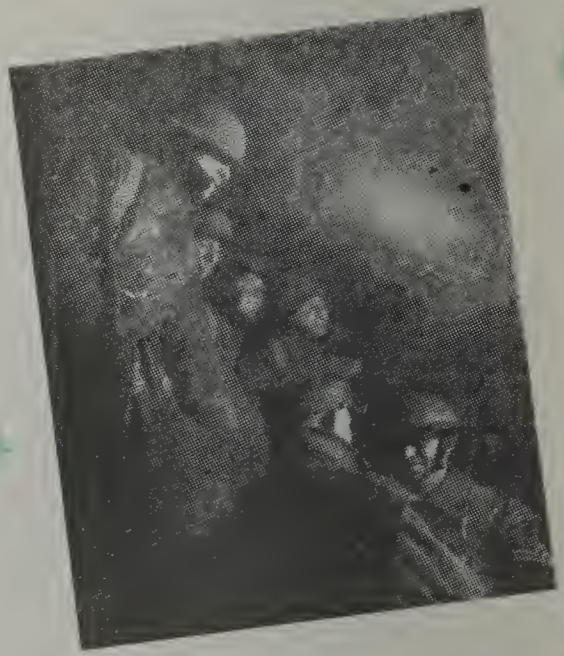

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OUTSIDE AND INSIDE

A MESSAGE FOR YOU

The boys have come to town again—Uncle Sam's boys, I mean. So many of them! Splendid, stalwart chaps, every one. Makes one's heart beat faster to see them—proud of the country they are pledged to defend. How we love these boys in brown!

They've come to town again. Why, "The woods is full of them!" Wonder what they're doing here . . . . nothing much I guess. I've watched how they go up and down the streets, gay and happy (on the outside anyway). In and out of Woolworth's buying a trinket for some girl or mother back home; or in the drug store for a soda. After that, up and down the streets again. Going no place in particular. No place? Well, not now anyway—but later, maybe. Playing war right now—but afterwards (a cloud on that smiling face)—let's not talk about that.

Up and down the streets again. It moves one to look at them; makes you want to take one by the hand and say, "Son, are you prepared?"

"Sure, I am. That is, I'm getting prepared; that's why we come to camp."

"No, I don't mean that. Not that kind of preparation. Are you prepared—inside?"

"You mean—my soul? Why, I don't know. Never gave it much thought. I don't suppose I am. In fact, I'm quite sure I'm not. I'd rather not talk about it; gives me an uneasy feeling."

"Well, soldier, even if the time doesn't come when you will need it terribly bad (and dear

God, please don't let it come)—you still need it. Everybody does—but especially you boys in khaki.

"I know you're brave; I know that you are a *man*. But don't you know that the manliest Man of them all needed help too. He said, "I can of myself do nothing; the Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works" (John 14:11). The Son of man said that; His name is Jesus Christ.

"He was a soldier too; a braver one you never could find. He fought the greatest fight of the ages, single-handed, and won. You admire a real fighter, one who never gives up; one who has the stuff in him to go through the fight to the finish. Jesus was like that.

"You fellows are preparing to fight for the right; to defend your country, your wives and mothers and sweethearts. What was *this* Soldier's cause? Who was He fighting for?

"For you. Yes, He fought for you. He suffered and died for you. What are you going to do about it. . . . . I must go now—but think it over."

"Goodby, mister; thanks for talking to me the way you did. I will think it over. . . . For me, He died for me. Why, I'm not worth it! I can't understand why He did it."

"Because He loved you."

"John three-sixteen—that verse from the Bible—learned it long ago—how does it go? (Wish I had a Bible here. Funny that I felt ashamed to take one along—afraid the fellows would think I was religious.) Let's see now—'For God so loved the world that He gave—' Yes, that's right; 'He gave.' That's how it is when people love you; they always want to give you something. My mother was like that; she couldn't do enough for us kids. And that's what God did—He so loved that He gave. Gave what?

" '. . . . . His only begotten Son.'

" '. . . . . that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life.'

"Lord, I see it. If I believe on You, I will not perish. I don't want to perish. I don't want to go to hell. But when I look at myself and my sinful heart, I see that I'm not prepared. I'm getting physical preparation, but I haven't moral preparation. I know I'm not ready to meet God. How can I be prepared? What must I do to be saved?

" '. . . . . that whosoever believeth on Him.' Oh, that's it! There's nothing to do; I must only believe. 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.'

"Oh Lord, I confess that I'm unclean; that I'm a sinner. But I know that You so loved me that You died for me. You fought the devil and sin and won. Now all I have to do is to confess my sin and believe that You forgive me. 'If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness' (I John 1:9).

"He shed His blood for me, in order to wash away my sins, ('For the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son cleanseth us from all sin' (I John 1:7).

"Lord, I confess; I believe; I receive Thee into my heart. I pledge myself to serve Thee. Help me, Lord—for Jesus' sake, Amen."

For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

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and we will send you a gospel and write to you personally. If you are not interested, please do not destroy this tract, but pass it on.

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WHAT YOU WANT IS WHAT *Christ* OFFERS...

YOU WANT LIFE!

Not a mere existence but life! And Christ has it—for you. He says: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Here is a dead body. The organs of life are there, but they are inactive; they are not responding to the physical world of which they are a part. So it is with you as a spiritual being—and with all of us—apart from Christ. You are "dead," as the Bible declares, "in trespasses and sins." You need the quickening, the being "born from above," that only Jesus Christ can give you.

YOU WANT PEACE!

It is a deep and universal longing. And Christ offers to meet it and fulfill it—for you. Hear Him: "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). But this divine Rest-Giver faces you with

the solemn fact that there can be no peace in your heart or your home unless you are willing to "repent" of your selfishness and sinfulness and indifference; for, says He, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." To a believer in Christ, the Word of God says, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"(Rom. 5:1).

YOU WANT STRENGTH!

The craving for power is a consuming one. Misguided, it is dangerous; it is wrecking the world. But rightly directed, it comes to a wonderful fulfillment in Christ's offer of strength to His disciples. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." "He is able to keep you from falling" (Isaiah 40:31; Jude 24). When you believe in Christ He will make you conscious of His personal presence and His strengthening support in all your experiences.

YOU WANT FELLOWSHIP!

You were not made to live in loneliness. You are a social being. So Christ offers fellowship, first of all, with God the Father; and fellowship with the children of God. "These things write I unto you, that your joy may be full. . . . If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." "We know that we have passed from death unto

life, because we love the brethren" (I John 1:4-7; 3:14). Have the unsearchable riches of the Lord Jesus Christ found their way into your heart and life?

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HOW TO GET *Blessings* FROM HEAVEN

Most people want God's blessings, but many are groping about trying to obtain ther
Some try the wrong way like Simon, a natural, money-minded, unconverted man who offered to purchase unpurchasable spiritual gifts.

Even some earnest Christians are retarded in their development because of their inadequate knowledge of God's method of operation in the affairs of men. An example is that cultured orator, Apollos, to whom was expounded "the way of God more perfectly" by the callous-handed, but spiritually-minded tent-makers, Aquila and Priscilla. Thereafter, Apollos, having learned how to obtain blessings from God, became an invincible witness for Jesus Christ (Acts 18:24-28).

Here are ten directions of what to do to obtain blessings from God, who is merciful to those who ask for mercy through Jesus Christ, our Saviour:

1. Believe that God is the personal, omnipotent, merciful Being that Scripture reveals Him to be, and turn from sin.

> *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).*

2. Receive and acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, automatically becoming endowed with inalienable, spiritual rights of sonship.

> *"He (Jesus Christ) came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power (the right) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:11, 12).*

3. Study and obey the Word of God, as a soldier studies and obeys his "Manual of Arms".

> *"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).*

4. Submit yourself to the guidance of the only authorized Teacher—The Holy Spirit, who is now functioning, and has been functioning in the world since Christ left it to ascend to the right hand of God.

> *"These things have I (Jesus) spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."*

5. Think spiritual things over, and drill yourself to remember God's recorded Word, thus receiving constant refreshment to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

> *"His delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Psalm 1:2, 3).*

6. Offer sacrifices of praise; not sacrifices for sin because only one complete, satisfying sacrifice was made for sin by Jesus Christ, "the Lamb of God." But offer thanksgiving continually to God for life, salvation, country, liberty to worship God, food, home, friends—all things.

> *"By him (Jesus Christ) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name" (Hebrews 13:15).*

7. Use the right NAME when requisitioning resources from Heaven, as only one name is honored in the inexhaustible storehouse or Bank of Heaven, and that is the NAME of Jesus Christ. Without the use of that name, prayers are as valueless as unsigned checks at any bank. Why worry? Pray! Pray in Jesus' Name!

> *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. . . . Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:23, 24).*

8. Transmit your message to Heaven through the only authorized Transmitter and Translator—The Holy Spirit. We must be empowered by that third Person of the Trinity—The Holy Spirit, who translates and transmits our prayers to Heaven, and transmits and translates to our sensitized soul God's answers to us.

> *"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us. . . . And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8:26, 27).*

9. Accept God's challenge! Not only pray, but pay! In oil areas, men pay stipulated royalties to owners of land for the right to operate oil wells. God is the owner of all things, and we are His stewards.

> *"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. . . . Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes" (See Malachi 3:8-11).*

10. Having done the things suggested in the foregoing passage of Scripture, you will have received spiritual discernment, and learned to do business with God on a good credit basis. You will commit your way unto Him, trust also in Him, and He will deliver to you rich blessings. You will have reason to exclaim:

> *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).*

Finally, if you as a beginner, do not know how to start making connections with God's bountiful grace through Jesus Christ, begin with this simple prayer:

> *"God, be merciful to me a sinner, and save me for Jesus Christ's sake, Amen."*

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An English mining prospector named Courtney, seventy years of age, arrived some time ago in the city of Los Angeles after spending many years in the deserts of Arizona, hunting for gold.

His first question, on meeting a fellow-countryman was: "How is her Majesty?" and he was astonished to hear that Queen Victoria was dead.

Somebody mentioned the name of Mr. Roosevelt. "Roosevelt!" he exclaimed, "Who is he? I never heard the name before."

As an automobile passed along the street, Courtney jumped in alarm into a doorway. When told about the radio, he flatly refused to believe it, and said that people were trying to fool him.

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It is extraordinary that in days like these a man can live for so long in entire ignorance of what is happening.

Are you aware, my friend, that hundreds of men and women in America, in Europe, in Africa, in Asia, and in many a far-off island, are being *saved for eternity*, and that this is happening every day? Are you aware that the gates of salvation are open wide, and that the atoning blood of Christ secures admission for the most degraded sinner that seeks to enter? "Be it known unto you . . . that through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins. . . . Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be

saved" (Acts 13:38, 16:31). Or are you living in ignorance of all this?

If not *ignorant*, can it be that you are *indifferent*? Can you afford to be indifferent to matters of such tremendous importance? Are you spending your days as if these things were a fable? What will your feeling be when you awake to find that it is all a great reality, but that you have dreamed your life away till it is too late?

—By *Harold P. Barker*

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INCREDIBLE IGNORANCE

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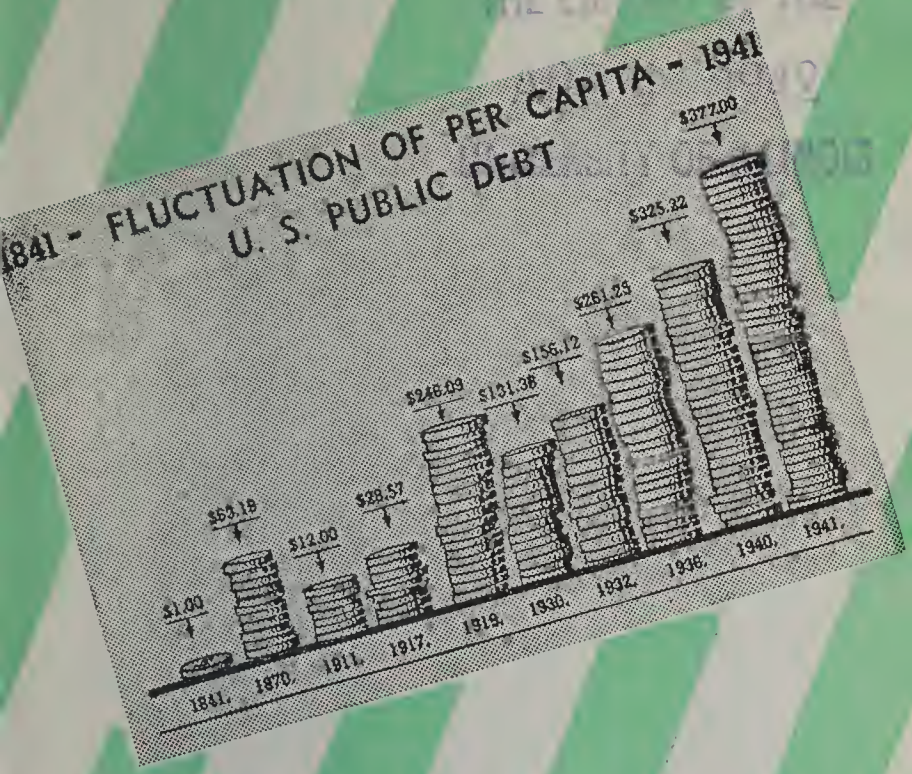

Who

WILL PAY THE DEBT?

Who WILL PAY THE DEBT?

As government expenditures continue to mount, and billions of dollars are piled upon an already staggering public debt, conscientious taxpayers are asking . . . "Who will pay the debt?"

In 1841 the per capita public debt was $1.00. Latest figures available for 1941 show the per capita figure at $377.00. When we have reached the present $65,000,000,000 debt limit, probably within a year, everybody will owe $500 each—the per capita debt.

Can we stand it? The answer of the conservative *Wall Street Journal* is, "We will have to." The debt limit will be raised again, and the process will continue as long as necessary. The optomistic economists who see debt as an "investment" have no worries. Even the pessimists, accepting the fact of a perpetual debt—one never to be paid—admit that much depends on the attitude of the people and the common sense of the government.

But to forestall any over-confidence in a dangerous situation it might be well to recall the words of a world-famous economist of the last century, Adam Smith: "When national debts have once been accumulated . . . there is scarce, I believe, a single instance of their having been fairly and completely paid. The liberation of the public revenue, if it has ever been brought about at all, has always been brought about by a bankruptcy . . ."

Be the public debt as it will, there is a private debt that each individual must face. It is the debt of sin. God's verdict of each human life is: "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men for all have sinned" and "God requireth that which is past" (Romans 5:12, Eccl. 3:15).

But the tragedy of all this is that man is unable to lift one finger to repay this debt of sin. He is utterly bankrupt. Who will pay the debt?

Down through the ages men have asked this all-important question regarding their soul's welfare—"Who will pay the debt?" And here our God steps in and reveals what He, in infinite love for the sinner, has done. In His Word God declares: "Christ Jesus came

into the world to save sinners . . . Christ died for our sins . . . God hath laid upon Christ the iniquity of us all" (I Timothy 1:15, I Corinthians 15:3, Isaiah 53:6). Do you not see? God has charged your sin to Christ, who was judged in your place!

"Have you read the story of the cross,
Where Jesus bled and died—
Where the debt was paid by the precious blood
That flowed from His wounded side?"

What peace and joy flood the soul when one enters into the truth of the redemption that is in Christ Jesus! "Be it known unto you . . . that through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins; and all who believe are justified" (Acts 13:38, 39).

—*Clyde H. Dennis*

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Why did Jay Gould, the American millionaire, exclaim with his dying breath: "I'm the most miserable devil in the world"? Because MONEY has not power to satisfy the cravings of the heart. He who barters his soul for wealth makes a sorry bargain.

Why did Alexander the Great, when the whole of the known world lay at his feet, weep with chagrin over the fact that there was no more territory to conquer? Because SUCCESS and gratified ambition can never afford real and lasting satisfaction. Alexander, the hero of so many battles, was at last to fall before the grim power of death.

Why did Lord Byron, with the laurels of fame upon his brow, utter a whine of despair before he died? Because poetic genius and POPULARITY are powerless to minister to the soul that which it most needs.

Why did a well-known professor of religion turn to and fro upon his dying bed, crying "I'm going to hell! I'm going to hell!"? Because he realized at last that RELIGION without a personal knowledge of Christ the Saviour is worse than useless. It may win the regard of our fellowmen, but in the hour when we reach the borderline of eternity it appears in its true character, a hollow sham. Profession of Christianity is vain if it does not possess Christ.

Why my reader, do you not seek the acquaintance of CHRIST, and be both saved and satisfied and made sure of Heaven? Christ is the willing Saviour of all who put their trust in Him. "As many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God . . . which were born . . . of God" (John 1:12, 13). "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . . Ye must be born again" (John 3:3, 7).

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News Flashes!

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Important News

concerning world conditions presents a miracle-making love story and tells how vast numbers of men, women, and children escape death! The headlines say: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

A Great Conference

has been called for all men; the report is astounding: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18). One spokesman is quoted as having said to the commercial world, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

Today

in Heaven the angelic chorastral symphony resounded in great joy as one sinner after another repented and was eternally saved.

It Was Reported

on good authority that the dangerous highway called Broad is filling fast—it is feared that millions will meet destruction. The same report states that many are missing the heavenly road for they have not heeded the directions of the One who said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me" (John 14:6).

It Is of No Little Concern

to the general public that there is now available the remedy for all needs from heart trouble to thirst, for the Great Physician, the most eminent authority on all such cases says, quote, "Let not your heart be troubled . . . believe in Me," and again, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst."

A Late Bulletin

brings us the news that Human Heart and company are working behind closed doors. When the staff reporter, Mr. Jeremiah, went to the scene this is what he found: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked —who can know it? God trieth the hearts."

It Is Further Reported

that entrance has been denied, but in spite of this seemingly impregnable situation the great Mediator is quoted as saying, "Behold, I stand

at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me."

The Situation

is by no means hopeless and the fact is that "as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

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Helps IN TIME OF WAR...

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Keep Informed of instructions given by national and local authorities for protection of your life. And keep informed of God's instructions for the protection of your soul. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. . . . But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Reject all rumors or unconfirmed reports. And reject the opinions of men in regard to things eternal, for Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." "For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Obey the commands of those in authority. Cooperation will help assure victory over the enemy. And obey the commands of God who "commandeth all men everywhere to repent: because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness." And the Saviour has promised that "he that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment: but is passed from death unto life."

Be Assured of the integrity of the government, and be assured from God who cannot lie that if you receive His Son who bore God's judgment for your sins, you will have everlasting life, for "these things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life."

Rejoice when right triumphs over evil. And "let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice, let them ever shout for joy." For "believing ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the salvation of your soul."

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LIFE FROM DEATH

A Fascinating Short Story

Butcher's doctrine. Yes, that's what he called the blessed truth that "the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

I had gone to ask whether he would rent me a small suburban building which was under his control and which had been standing unused. He was a so-called minister of a large church in a Wisconsin city, and had just received me into his handsome study.

"Tell me what you believe and preach," he asked. So I told him. I told him that I preached the great fundamental facts set forth in the Bible—the Word of God. That man is a victim, for he is born in sin, which certainly is no fault of his own. But that man is more than a mere victim—to be *pitied*, for he is a *guilty* being as well, for he *loves* his sin and does not want to get rid of it. I told him that I preached the fact that man is utterly helpless to lift himself out of this condition, and that it was necessary he should be lifted by someone from *above*. And that the blessed Son of God came into this world; came to lift man out of his sin and shame. That He died and shed His life's blood that sinners might be saved through the pouring out of His precious blood.

When I got so far the gentleman stopped me and said: "Oh no, we can't let you have the building. We don't believe in that blood religion any more. That's butcher's doctrine."

So I asked this minister if he would mind telling me what he had for dinner that day. "What's that got to do with it?" he replied. But eventually he admitted that among other things he had steak.

"Oh, *steak*? And I thought you told me just now that you did not believe in butcher's doctrine wher

t is a question of saving your soul? But you do be-
ieve in it when it concerns filling your stomach."
When it comes to this *body*, man is wise enough.
Oh, that man would use the same thought in regard
to the value of his precious *soul*.

"Listen," I told this false shepherd of the sheep,
"every time you eat meat it is because some innocent
animal that has never sinned in its life died for you."

"Where did you get those shoes which you wear?
An innocent annimal died to provide the leather."

"The food you eat, the clothes you wear, the shoes
on your feet, the home you live in, everything, yes
everything in this world you owe to death; to the
shedding of blood. Even so, it is absolutely impera-
tive that your soul should be saved too through the
shedding of blood, or you will be damned forever."

Why, you ask? Because this world is a world of sin
and death. Long ago God said that the wages of sin is
death. Therefore everything dies. That penalty *must*
be paid. Man pays it; the animal pays it; the insect
pays it; the plant pays it. All that has life pays it.
And it would have gone on thus forever if One had
not come who did *not* have to pay because He was
the eternal God; but who in matchless love paid the
price of sin on our behalf. Christ died *for* us, so that
we might be saved from the penalty, the power and
the presence of sin. He died—He shed His blood—
that we might live. And that story is stamped on all
creation as well. For all creatures die that other crea-
tures might live.

Dear reader of this message, listen! It is the blood
of Christ, God's Son, that cleanseth from all sin—
I John 1:9. It is the blood of Christ that sets the

slave of sin free—I Peter 1:18-19; it is the blood of Christ that gives a poor guilty sinner a title into Heaven—Hebrews 10:19.

Yes, it is *butcher's* doctrine, for guilty men butchered Him, but that is only one side of the story. The other side is that He came of His own voluntary will, in marvelous love, in order that He might by His death destroy death; that by giving up His life He might give *you* life.

And that life is yours for the having; yours for the living. It is the gift of God—Romans 6:23. Christ died that you might live. Won't you own Him as your Saviour and Lord?

—*August Van Ryn*

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DOING WITHOUT THINGS

No new automobiles. No new golf balls. Restrictions on many luxuries. No new tires. The war *is* affecting our way of life. Americans are all-out for victory. Americans are willing to do without things so that they may continue to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Mothers give up their sons to fight on land, sea, or in the air. Husbands are separated from wives to fill the ever increasing ranks of Uncle Sam's armed forces. In every walk of life Americans are doing without things. We are at war to preserve the ideals which we dearly cherish and for which our fathers fought.

There are many things in this life which we can do without. We would be much healthier if we did more walking, and less driving. We could cut down on entertainment and spend the time thinking of more serious things. We could give up certain habits and pleasures, and thereby preserve our bodies and our money for lasting joys.

But there is one thing—and it is not money, for it is said that money will buy everything but happiness, and is the passport to every place but Heaven—yes, there is one thing and one person you cannot do without. This is God's salvation extended to all through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Without Him you will never enter Heaven, for He said: "I am the

way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. . . . Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . . I am the Door; by Me, if any man enter in he shall be saved" (John 14:6, 3:3, 10:9).

Frances Ridley Havergale has expressed the thought of doing without Him perhaps more beautifully and effectively than mere words can convey:

"I could not do without Him!
Jesus is more to me
Than all the richest, fairest gifts
Of earth could ever be.
But the more I find Him precious—
And the more I find Him true—
The more I long for you to find
What He can be to you.

"Why will you do without Him?
The Word of God is true!
The world is passing to its doom—
And you are passing too.
It may be no tomorrow
Shall dawn on you or me;
Why will you run the awful risk
Of all eternity?

DOING *Without* THINGS

"You cannot do without Him!
There is no other name
By which you ever can be saved,
No way, no hope, no claim!
But with Him—oh! with Jesus!
Are any words so blest?
With Jesus, everlasting joy
And everlasting rest!

"Why will you do without Him?
He calls and calls again—
'Come unto Me! Come unto Me!'
Oh, shall He call in vain?
He wants to have you with Him;
Do you not want Him too?
You cannot do without Him,
And He wants—even you.

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. . . . Which were born . . . of God" (John 1:12-13).

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Christ Received

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth [trusts] in Him [as personal Saviour] should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2, 3).

Christ Rejected

"He that believeth [trusts] not the Son [as personal Saviour] shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36b).

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8).

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" [hell] (Revelation 20:15).

What will YOU do with Jesus which is called Christ?